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\$1 Minimum Wage Becomes Law; Retail Coverage Still Lacking

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Pres. Eisenhower signed the bill amending the Fair Labor Standards Act on Aug. 12. The new law sets the minimum wage at \$1 an hour for about 20 million workers who are covered by the law, a victory for labor forces which had pressed for a figure higher than the 90-cent minimum originally proposed by the Administration.

The most glaring omission in the new law was the failure to provide for extension of coverage to retail employees and others of the millions not now covered. The RWDSU led the campaign for broadening of coverage and also plugged for a higher minimum, but after the Administration reneged on its earlier recommendation that coverage be extended to an additional two million retail employees, the whole problem of extension was put aside by Congress. Labor sources, in both CIO and AFL, have pledged a concerted drive to win greater coverage early in the next session of Congress.

Greenberg Comments on Bill

In a statement on the new minimum wage law which appeared in the daily newspapers, RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg said:

"President Eisenhower's signing of the \$1 Minimum Wage Law is to be commended as a step in the right direction. However, passage of this bill points up sharply the tremendous gaps in coverage under the law, particularly where retail employees are concerned.

"The Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union is proud of the part it played in helping to bring about this increase in the minimum wage by rallying members to lobby for a higher minimum and extended coverage. Now that the \$1 minimum is actually law, we strongly urge that the administration and Congress move as quickly to extend coverage under the Act to millions of workers not now covered who desperately need the protection of the law."

At a press conference held during the week before Pres. Eisenhower signed the \$1 minimum wage bill, Labor Sec. James P. Mitchell admitted that his department's spokesmen had made a major error when they presented the Administration's case for a 90-cent minimum to Congressional committees. By using statistics more than a year old, they had tried to create the fear that raising the minimum to anything more than 90 cents might cause "undue" unemployment.

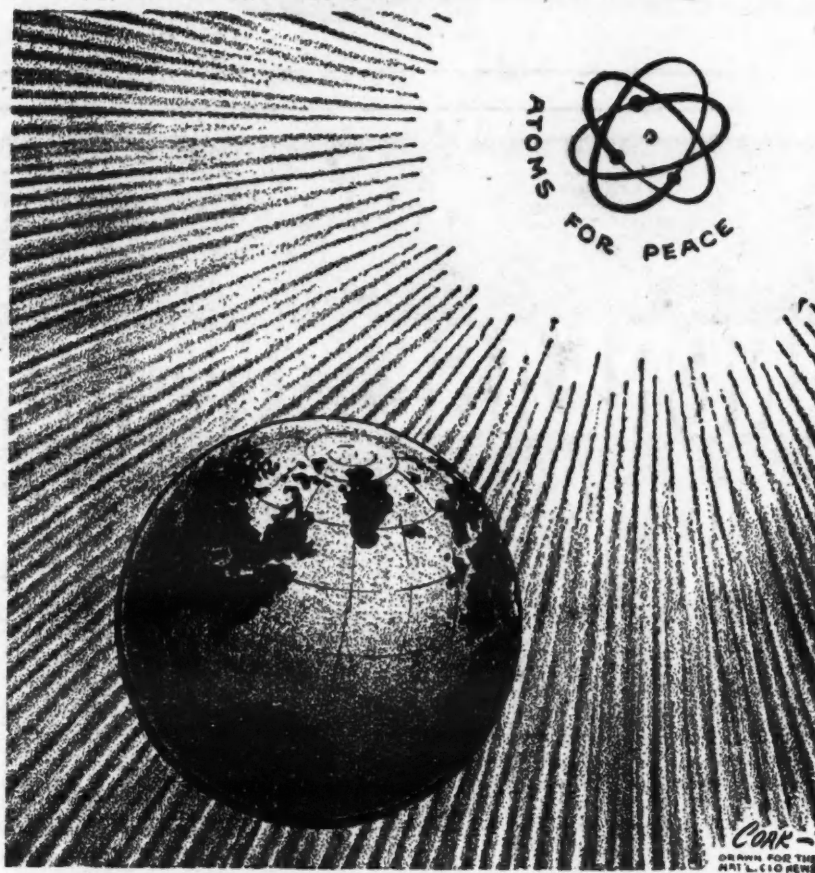
Mitchell Admits Error

Mitchell backed down from this position, and admitted that the figures presented by CIO spokesmen had been correct. Asked whether he now felt that the \$1 minimum might prove troublesome to industry, as he had earlier predicted, Mitchell replied that the "adjustment would be difficult but not impossible."

in the next issue

Another exclusive Record interview: Premier Thomas C. Douglas of Saskatchewan, Canada, the only labor governor in the Western Hemisphere, expresses his views on many important issues. Watch for it.

The Latest Satellite



SATELLITES AND THE SUMMIT

AN EDITORIAL

When the history of our era is written, the meeting at the Summit, held last month in Geneva, may very well occupy an important place. There seems little doubt that this summer of 1955 will be set down as a turning point in relations between the Communist powers and the Western democracies.

For, despite all the questions left unanswered at Geneva, all the vexing issues which still pose a threat to world peace, it seems obvious that the threat of an atomic war has become more remote and the hope of a lasting peace a little closer.

An event which revealed a real change in the world's political climate was the Russians' reaction to the announcement that the U.S. plans to send a man-made satellite into space by 1958. Just imagine the outcry that would have been heard from Moscow a year or two ago upon the release of such news! There would have been shrill cries that this was a part of the imperialists' encirclement of the Soviet Union; that launching such a satellite was a war-like act; that this was only a prelude to an outright attack by the U.S. on the "peace-loving peoples' democracies." But instead of all these—and the inevitable replies—there was only the mild comment by Russia's Communist Party boss Nikita Krushchev that if the satellite would contribute to peace, he was all for it.

This wasn't the only startling aftermath to Geneva. There was the more recent incident of Soviet Premier Bulganin's reply to Pres. Eisenhower's proposal at Geneva that the U.S. and Russia conduct aerial reconnaissance of each other's territories as part of a disarmament program. Bulganin rejected the plan, calling it unworkable. But the very next day, he retracted those words, saying that he had been misunderstood and that the Russians were considering it "in all seriousness."

Maybe these are all pretty small straws in the wind, but when you add to them the new amiability being displayed by the Russians at recent meetings with the West and social functions, the relaxation of Soviet visa restrictions on visits by foreigners to Russia, and a hint on Aug. 9 that censorship over foreign correspondents in Russia may end soon, you get the feeling of a change for the better in East-West relations.

Anyway, it's made for nice reading during a hot summer. Let's all be grateful that we're talking about shooting satellites out into space rather than about shooting at each other here on earth.

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DETROIT LOCAL OF 1700 MEMBERS MOVES TO AFFILIATE WITH RWDSU

DETROIT, Mich.—The addition of 1,700 new members to the ranks of the Retail, Wholesale and Dept. Store Union became a virtual certainty on Aug. 11 when the executive board of Local 1064, a CIO local industrial union of culinary employees, voted unanimously to recommend affiliation with the RWDSU.

The action by the executive board climaxed a period of discussions between top RWDSU leaders and officers of '1064', led by Business Manager Paul Dominie. Pres. Max Greenberg and Sec.-Treas. Alvin E. Heaps both addressed the local board at its meeting Aug. 11, and conveyed the desire of the International union to bring in the local, most of whose members are employed in factory cafeterias in Detroit's largest automotive and industrial plants.

Council, Members to Act

The '1064' board's unanimous recommendation will be brought to meetings of the local's stewards' council and membership for final action.

In bringing Local 1064 within its ranks, the RWDSU gains a powerful, democratic organization which has made tremendous strides since its founding in 1940, when Paul Dominie and a handful of others began organizing industrial cafeteria workers. Dominie, who began his career in the labor movement as a waiter and union member in Chicago and Detroit, has served the local in his present post ever since it was founded.

Local 1064 went through its most critical test in 1946, when a bitter six-week strike was conducted against the Prophet Co., which operates 12 cafeterias in plants in the Detroit area. This strike, and others during the same year, including a walkout against the four large firms that feed the 60,000 workers at Ford's River Rouge plant, "put Local 1064 on the map," says Dominie.

Catering Giants Under Contract

Today, the union has contracts with such giant industrial catering firms as Prophet, Nationwide Food Service, the Slater System, and many others. Its contracts, according to Al Heaps, "rank among the finest in the industry."

Among the conditions enjoyed by members of '1064' are wage rates ranging from \$1.55 to \$2.28 an hour, sick benefits, employer-paid Blue Cross, premium pay of seven cents an hour for the afternoon shift and ten cents for

the night shift, three weeks vacation after ten years employment, the five-day, 40-hour week, and many other benefits.

The prospective affiliation of Local 1064 with the RWDSU has the blessings of national and regional officers of the CIO, Pres. Greenberg said. He noted, as

did Dominie, that the democratic character of the RWDSU, as exemplified in its constitution, had a particularly strong appeal to Local 1064.

In extending a welcome to the local, Pres. Greenberg said:

"The decision of the executive board of '1064' to recommend affiliation with

the RWDSU is a source of satisfaction to all of us. This powerful and effective local in America's greatest industrial city can play an important role in our efforts to organize the unorganized in that area, and this additional strength will be a significant gain for the entire RWDSU."

N. Y. Stores Opening Suburban Units

Gimbel, Klein Branches Under Union Agreement

NEW YORK CITY—As the movement of large metropolitan department stores to open suburban branches gained momentum, RWDSU affiliates reported that two such stores—S. Klein in Hempstead, L.I., and Gimbels in Cross County Shopping Center, Yonkers—are under agreement with, respectively, Retail Women's Apparel Employees Local 1125 and District 65.

Klein's branch store opened Aug. 15, with nearly 500 employees there scheduled to come under the same contract conditions covering 1,000 employees at the firm's Union Square store, '1125' Pres. Louis Feldstein reported. As soon as the Hempstead store settles down to regular operation, which is expected to take a few weeks, a meeting of the employees there will be held by the union, and negotiations on specific issues will follow. Feldstein noted that the union's contract covers any Klein's branch to be built or acquired within the metropolitan area, an important fact in view of the firm's announced intention to build another store in Levittown within the next year.

Meanwhile, Gimbels is readying its Yonkers branch for the opening on Sept. 8. The store, which employs about 500, is a 200,000-sq. ft. unit in the giant cross county shopping center, where many other stores are also covered by RWDSU agreements. Gimbels is now building another large suburban branch in the Green Acres Shopping Center, Valley Stream, L.I., which is slated to open sometime next year.

(For news of an important struggle with Stern Bros., part of the big Allied Stores chain, over a suburban branch in Great Neck, L.I., see story on Page 5 of this issue.)



BARGAIN HUNTERS jammed S. Klein branch store in Hempstead, L.I. on opening day, Aug. 15. Employees of store will be covered by Local 1125 union contract with firm, like workers at main store on Union Square in New York City. Klein's is reported planning to open another suburban branch in Levittown shopping center.

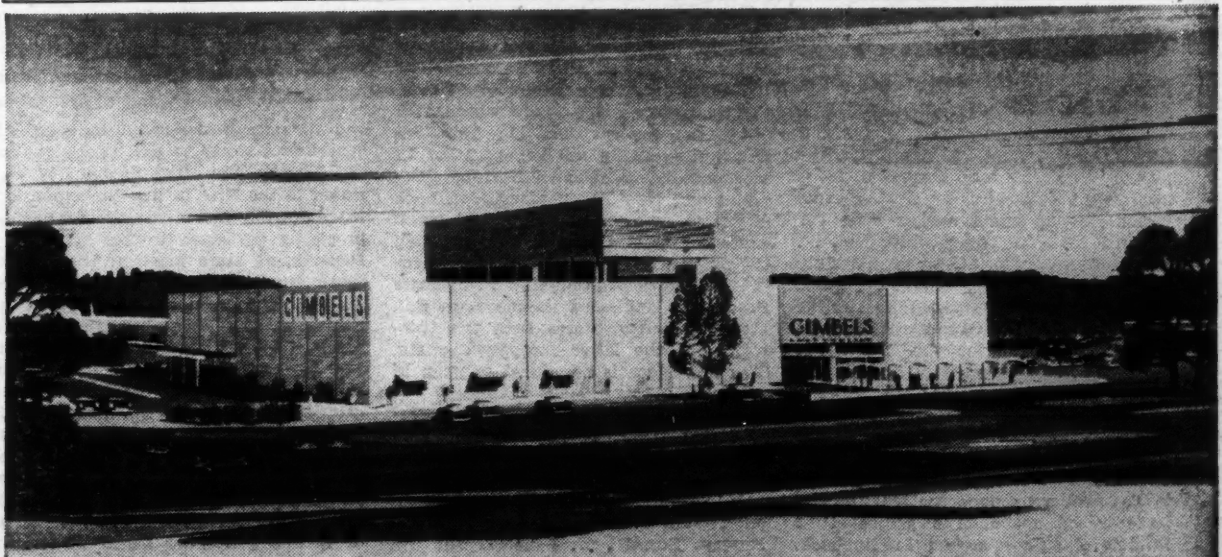
Two Philly Locals Of RWDSU Unite

PHILADELPHIA—Two local unions of the RWDSU in Philadelphia, Locals 77 and 1034, have joined together in a single union and the merger is already bearing fruits, it was reported by Barney Smith, manager of the new Local 1034. The new union, Smith said, has a membership of about 700.

Local 1034 had been an RWDSU local before affiliation of the Plaything, Jewelry & Novelty Workers with the International in May of 1954. Local 77 was a PJN union, whose main strength is in toy and jewelry processing plants, while '1034' was mainly a union of retail workers.

Outstanding feature of the merger is the new strength of the union, shown by what Smith described as greater respect from the employers in former Local 77 shops. As a result of this, a number of important grievances have been settled in the past few weeks. In addition the local won an NLRB election recently at a Slater System industrial cafeteria after an organizing campaign led by Organizer Bert Golden.

Smith said a main aim of '1034' is to establish the welfare plan of Local 77 in all shops of the enlarged union. It has already been won in the two-store Trading Post retail shop, and is a major demand in negotiations now under way with the 350-member Sun Ray drug chain.



FIRST GIMBELS BRANCH to be opened in New York area will make its bow Sept. 8, when three-floor unit opens at Cross County Shopping Center, Yonkers, N.Y. This architect's drawing shows how store, which is under agreement with District 65, will appear upon completion. Another Gimbel's branch store is now under construction in Valley Stream, L. I.

TEST Your LABOR IQ

1. The "father" of Labor Day was a Carpenters' Union official. His name was:
 - a) Eugene V. Debs
 - b) Adolph Strasser
 - c) Peter J. McGuire
2. The fourteenth and most recent state FEP law was enacted in:
 - a) New York
 - b) Michigan
 - c) Maryland
3. The anniversary recently celebrated by the United Nations was the:
 - a) Tenth
 - b) Fifth
 - c) Fifteenth
4. Which of the following occupational groups is not covered by the NLRA (National Labor Relations Act):
 - a) agricultural workers
 - b) garment workers
 - c) mine workers

Each correct answer counts two points. Score yourself as follows: 2-4, poor; 5-6, average; 7 superior. (Answers on P. 6.)

Briton Dreams Up Angle To Get Pay-Without Work

LONDON, England — Union officials here expressed grudging admiration for Norman White's ingenuity but they were relieved when police finally broke up White's clever racket of collecting wages without doing a lick of work.

White's system worked this way: First he took a job as a warehouseman with a firm of electrical engineers. Half-an-hour after starting work White left the factory. From a couple of blocks away he telephoned his boss and said, "This is Precinct Police Sergeant Jones. I have reason to believe you are employing a man named White." When the employer replied that a man of that name had just been hired, White said, "He is a man with a long criminal record, a homicidal maniac. You'd better get rid of him quick." Then White walked back to the factory. The boss challenged him and White admitted the information was correct. He accepted a week's pay—\$18—and walked out.

White repeated his gimmick all over London during the next three weeks and collected more than \$84 for less than three hours work. He was finally trapped only because, in applying for a job at a brewery, he made the mistake of using the name of a real precinct sergeant.

Labor News Roundup

UAW Fights 'Politics' Indictment

DETROIT—The first step in the fight to guard the rights of labor to take political positions on radio and television has been taken by the CIO Auto Workers.

Appearing in person before the Federal District Court here, Pres. Walter P. Reuther entered a plea of not guilty in behalf of the union against an indictment charging the Auto Workers with violation of the Corrupt Practices Act based through its Guy Nunn radio program.

The case, which was brought by Attorney General Herbert Brownell, has brought vigorous charges by the Auto Workers that it represented an effort by the Republican Administration to throttle labor's political voice and that it was inspired by the poor showing of Republican candidates in the Middle West in recent elections.

"The issue involved as we see it," Reuther told Judge Arthur A. Kocsinski, "is whether working people, banded together in a free labor union, can express their views, through their union, on political issues and other matters of broad public policy through the purchase of radio and television time."

Reuther declared that the acts charged in the indictment, in the belief of the union, "do not constitute a violation of the principles under which the statute is laid." At the same time he declared flatly that if the union were found guilty, it would fight the indictment up through the Courts on the grounds of unconstitutionality through "abridgment of the rights of free speech, free press and assembly secured by the First Amendment to the Constitution."

"The act with which the UAW-CIO is charged," he told the Court, "is that of sponsoring radio and TV programs in accordance with the democratic decisions of UAW-CIO conventions. The opinions, endorsements and policies expressed on these programs are those arrived at by the membership of the union through the various democratic procedures provided for in the UAW-CIO Constitution and that of the National CIO."

"We in the UAW-CIO believe we have an obligation as a voluntary association of free men to provoke discussion and to encourage thoughtful, factual investigation of public issues and political candidates. The use of radio and television time to do this comes within the framework of freedom of the press and freedom of speech guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution."

NLRB Hit on Miami Hotel Strike

WASHINGTON—The whole issue of whether the National Labor Relations Board has the right to refuse jurisdiction in hotel labor-management cases is rapidly coming to a head.

On Tuesday, Aug. 9, the NLRB held public hearings on the petition of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers that representative elections be held in 187 Miami Beach hotels under NLRB auspices.

The hotel workers were represented by their General Counsel, J. W. Brown of Cincinnati. In opposition was the Greater Miami Beach Hotel Assn., which has been fighting the 4-month old strike of hotel workers at plush Miami hotels for recognition of the union.

The NLRB ever since 1951 has refused jurisdiction in hotel cases. The union, on the other hand, has contended that the Miami Beach hotels are clearly in interstate commerce and that therefore the NLRB cannot refuse jurisdiction.

NLRB jurisdiction is of the utmost importance since Florida State law has left the union in a "no-man's land" where

there is no machinery provided for the union to prove its representation rights.

The position of the Hotel Workers has received strong support in the United States Senate. It was Senator Paul Douglas who opened the jurisdiction question in a letter to the NLRB, in part resulting in the August 9 hearings which indicate that the NLRB is taking the jurisdiction question seriously.

In addition, Senator Herbert Lehman, New York Democrat, has won the support of the Senate Labor Committee in approving a staff study on the recent policies of the NLRB in widening the areas of labor-management disputes in which it has refused jurisdiction.

"I believe the NLRB has abdicated some of its responsibilities through the years and especially in the last two years," Lehman told the Senate in discussing the Miami strike.

Meanwhile the Hotel Workers are continuing to picket the Versailles Hotel at Miami Beach. They have been enjoined by the Florida Courts from picketing 21 of the 23 struck hotels at the famous resort.

Scab Jobs Must Say So in Ads

SACRAMENTO, Cal. — The California Supreme Court has upheld a State law declaring that any company seeking to hire strike-breakers must state clearly that it is engaged in labor difficulties.

The law is similar to one recently passed by the Connecticut General Assembly. The Connecticut law declares that any employer advertising for help during a strike or labor dispute must make it plain in his advertisement that he is involved in a labor dispute. If the ad is printed, the statement concerning the dispute must be in black, capital letters about twice the size of ordinary newspaper type.

Nurses Conduct 'No-Pay' Strike

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Hospital authorities here take a calloused view of the nurses who mean so much in the care, treatment and recovery of the ill and injured.

Thirty-five general duty nurses at St. Luke's Hospital staged a "no-pay" strike until W.E. Arnold, hospital administrator, agreed to confer on wages and working conditions with Miss Agnes Anderson, executive secretary of the State Nurses Association.

The nurses had decided not to accept their pay checks, but would continue working without pay until Arnold decided to act in a humane manner. The nurses were told to take their choice, either accept the proffered checks or get out.

The hospital threatened to suspend any nurses who refused to accept their checks. Miss Anderson said the nurses then accepted the checks "rather than be forced to desert their patients and be maneuvered into violating the no-strike policy" of the nurses' organization.

CIO Wins at Big Leather Plant

PEABODY, Mass.—The CIO Leather Workers have won bargaining rights for about 1,500 workers at the A. C. Lawrence Co. plant here after winning an NLRB election from the Fur & Leather Workers. The vote was 811 to 357 and represented a major victory for the Leather Workers organizing committee.

Since establishment of the committee in Boston on January 6, the CIO Leather Workers have won bargaining rights for 7,600 New England leather workers. The Peabody plant is the largest leather refinery in the world.

what's new in our industry

An upper-floor "pigeon hole" parking arrangement, geared to feed customers to F.W. Woolworth's new Spokane, Wash. store was opened last week. The facilities provide off-street parking for 500 cars . . . W.T. Grant Co. reported sales in July increased 4.6% over last year's sales during the same period. Grant has signed a lease for a third store in Tampa, Florida . . . Bond Stores reported sales for July rose 4.7% over July, 1954 . . . F.W. Woolworth recently opened its twelfth store in the Akron, Ohio district. Sales rose 2% in July for the Woolworth concern . . . M. Lowenstein & Sons has obtained exclusive rights to transfer to fabrics illustrations in the Little Golden Books series. The new fabric line will be named Golden Book Prints . . . J.C. Penney, F.W. Woolworth, and W.T. Grant are among the tenants who have leased space in a projected \$2 million shopping center in Roebuck, Alabama . . . Consolidated Foods Corp. has completed negotiations to acquire American Frigid Dough, Chicago processor of a line of frozen bakery prod-

ucts and prepared frozen foods. The company will operate as a subsidiary of Consolidated . . . Park & Shop plans are stabilizing and enhancing downtown property values in a number of cities, the National Parking Assn. reports. The plans are in operation in Montgomery, Alabama; Norfolk, Virginia; and New Haven, Conn. . . Lack of scents made many cents and much sense for W.T. Grant in Denver when it sold nearly 30 de-scented skunks for pets in a special promotion . . . Lerner Stores has subleased its Florence, S.C. store to Berley Stores Inc., the thirteenth in the latter company's chain. The new store is scheduled to open in August . . .

DEPARTMENT STORE NOTES: Department store credit, including mail order houses, rose \$10 million during June, while installment credit climbed \$765 million, the biggest monthly gain on record according to the Federal Reserve Board . . . Lane Bryant will open its third store in the Chicago area Aug. 25 . . . A listing of all the stores that make up the \$30 billion department store market in the United States

has been published by Department Store Guide. The 808-page "1955 Directory of Department Stores" lists 3052 companies operating 11,597 stores and includes better-rated independent department stores as well as the chains . . . The London office of John Wanamaker is the first in line for expansion to cope with increased foreign buying programs envisaged by the store . . . Department store sales in the United States for the first week in August were 5% above sales in the same period of last year, the Federal Reserve Board reported . . . Two major metropolitan New York stores—Macy's and Abraham & Straus launched 10-week advertising campaigns with the National Broadcasting Company Aug. 15. The two stores will cooperate to determine the best formula for department store television advertising . . . Snack bars to be staffed by the blind will be installed in 40 Sears, Roebuck stores throughout Pennsylvania following an agreement with the State Department of Welfare. The snack bar program is financed through Federal funds . . . A new

Sears, Roebuck branch opened last week in Fredericksburg, Va. . . The first full-scale highway department store in Bergen County on Route 17, in Lodi, N.J. has opened. It will be open daily except Monday until 11 p.m. . . The new Sears, Roebuck Philadelphia store opened with an excellent turnout, reported officials of the store. Another branch is planned for projected shopping center in Joplin, Mo. . . The first Gimbels suburban store in the N.Y. area, scheduled to open early next month at Cross Country Center near Yonkers will be dedicated to "convenience and service for the ladies" . . . Gimbels, Milwaukee yard goods department has launched a clinic for the teenage sewer as part of a project to interest the young teenager in making her own back-to-school wardrobe . . . Roosevelt Field, Inc., which is building the Roosevelt Field Shopping Center in Long Island has made Macy's the gift of between 2½ and 3 acres of land on which Macy's is building its own 300,000 square-foot branch in the heart of the regional center.

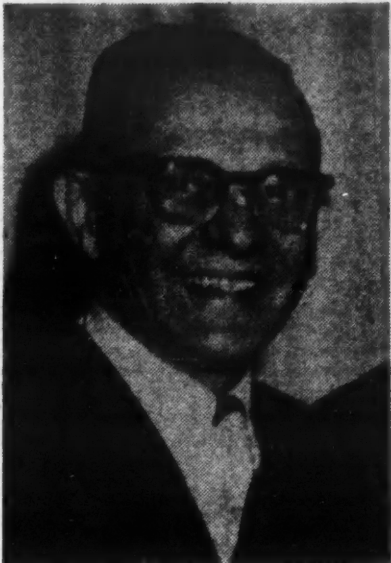
Max Schechter of '1268' Dies

NEW YORK CITY — Max Schechter, business agent of Retail Shoe Employees Local 1268, died suddenly on Aug. 9 as the result of a heart attack. He was 49 years old, and his untimely passing, in the words of Bus. Mgr. Joseph Binenbaum, "was a great blow to his fellow officers and the members of Local 1268."

An active member of '1268' ever since he joined the union 25 years ago, Schechter had been an executive board member of the local for 20 years, and had held the position of vice-president and president, while still working in a shop, before he was elected a full-time officer last January. In addition to his union activities, he was a leading member of the Workmen's Circle, the labor fraternal organization.

Funeral services, held Aug. 11 at Park West Memorial Chapel, were attended by officers and members of Local 1268 and Retail Shoe Employees Local 287, including '287' Mgr. Samuel Lowenthal. RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg and other officers of the International also attended, as did leaders of other RWDSU locals in the city.

Schechter is survived by his wife, Helen, and his daughter Dorothy.



New York & Northeast

5c Increase Awarded In Macy Arbitration

NEW YORK CITY—Eight thousand employees of R. H. Macy Dept. Store, members of Local 1-S RWDSU, won a five-cent hourly increase in an arbitration award on their wage reopener, it was reported by RWDSU Exec. Vice-Pres. Sam Kovenetsky, president of Local 1-S. The boost is retroactive to Feb. 1, the date of the reopening.

In addition to the general wage increase, Prof. George W. Taylor, who had conducted the arbitration hearings on behalf of the American Arbitration Association, ruled that the store's starting minimum wage be increased by \$1 to \$39 a week. The minimum rates in other classifications were also raised by \$1. The general wage boost also covers "Saturday only" employees, Kovenetsky pointed out.

A demand by Local 1-S for a reduction in the work week from 40 to 35 hours was rejected by the arbitrator, as was a union request for fully automatic wage progressions within a three-year period. Six other union demands were rejected by Dr. Taylor as "not arbitrable" under the reopening provisions of the contract.

The arbitration came about as a result of a breakdown in direct negotiations last March, after two months of talks between Local 1-S and Macy's. Hearings on the wage dispute opened July 27 and

ended Aug. 6. They covered members of Local 1-S employed in the main store on 34 Street and five branches in the city and suburbs. The union's contract with the firm expires next Feb. 1.

Commenting on the arbitrator's award, Local 1-S Vice-Pres. Philip Hoffstein said: "While we've made advances as a result of this decision, we're far from what we wanted and expected to get. The most important omission was the arbitrator's failure to incorporate the full amount of the increase into the minimum wage structure, and his rejection of our demand for fully automatic wage progressions within a three-year period."

"However, our contract with Macy's expires in six months, and we intend to win at that time the things we sought in this arbitration—as well as such important gains as a 35-hour week, improved sick leave and many other demands."

N. J. Retail Local Announces Improved Health Benefits

NEWARK, N. J.—A broad range of increases in health and welfare benefits will go into effect Sept. 1 for members of Local 108, the Retail Union of New Jersey, it was announced by Director Irving Rosenberg. The increases, ranging as high as 100 per cent over present benefits, have been made possible by an increase in employer payments and a shift to self-insurance by the union.

The Sept. 1 date actually marks three important changes in the union's Health Plan, Rosenberg noted. On that date the increased benefits go into effect, the employers begin paying \$8 per month for each covered employee into the Health Fund, and the union shifts from a commercial insurance policy to self-insurance for all but life insurance coverage.

Several new features have been added to the Health Plan. Most important of these is a free annual medical examination to be conducted by a group of leading specialists. As an added inducement to members to take advantage of this check-up, those who do so will receive an additional \$500 life insurance coverage, renewable each year upon taking the medical exam. The same check-up is being made available to the families of members at reduced rates.

Increased Benefits Listed

Among the increased benefits which go into effect Sept. 1 are:

- Hospitalization, 31 days maximum at \$14 per day, up 75% from present \$8 benefit.
- Hospital Service (x-rays, lab, anesthetic) \$120 maximum, up 50% from present \$80.
- Surgical benefits up to \$220; increased 50% from present \$160.
- Maternity delivery and hospitalization \$175, increased from present \$130.
- Dependents' benefits were increased even more sharply, as follows:
 - Hospitalization, \$14 per day for 31 days; up 100% from present \$7 a day.
 - Hospital service, \$120 maximum, up 70% from present \$70.
 - Surgical, increased 50% to \$225 from present \$150.
 - Maternity, increased 45% to \$175 from present \$120.

Rosenberg pointed out that members of '108' also receive life insurance of \$1,500 for males and \$1,000 for females, with double indemnity provisions for accidental death or dismemberment, and sickness and accident benefits of \$30 a week for a maximum of 26 weeks. The sick benefits, for which coverage is provided by the state, will be increased to \$35 a week on Oct. 1.

Pres. Greenberg Asks Locals To Support '65' in Stern's Fight

NEW YORK CITY—RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg this week issued a call to every affiliate of the International Union around the country to support in their own localities the struggle of District 65 against union-busting by the Stern Bros. department store, part of the nation-wide Allied Stores Corp. chain. The main Stern's

store on 42nd Street in New York City is under contract with '65', but at a new store in Great Neck, L.I., which the company is opening, it flatly refuses to transfer 42nd St. employees, and refuses also to hire any 65ers, in a clear effort to keep the store non-union and low-paying.

Pres. Greenberg declared that the attitude of Stern's management is "a flagrant attempt to isolate branch store employees from the union. Allied Stores Corp. has declared war on the labor movement. We will call the attention, not only of our own affiliates, but of the CIO and AFL to this attitude of Stern's, and ask them to render such assistance as they can in defense of the right to organize."

Pres. Greenberg asked locals of the RWDSU in those cities where there are Allied stores to discuss organization of the stores with the employees, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to protest the actions of the Allied Corp.

Earlier the District 65 General Council approved picketing of the Great Neck store, not yet open for business, in protest at the discrimination by Stern's against union members. Reporting to the Council, '65' Organization Dir. Bill Michelson pointed out that Stern's management is acting in bad faith. Last August, he recalled, Stern's said it was not contemplating opening a branch store, but would "do the right thing" if such a store were decided upon.

Formerly Wanamaker Store

The Great Neck store was purchased from John Wanamaker earlier this summer, and extensive renovation has been in progress. Construction work on the job, normally performed by members of the AFL Building Trades Council, has halted.

Picket lines are also maintained at

branch stores of Bloomingdales, where a campaign is also under way to organize the branches and bring their conditions up to those at the main Bloomingdale store, which is under contract with '65'.

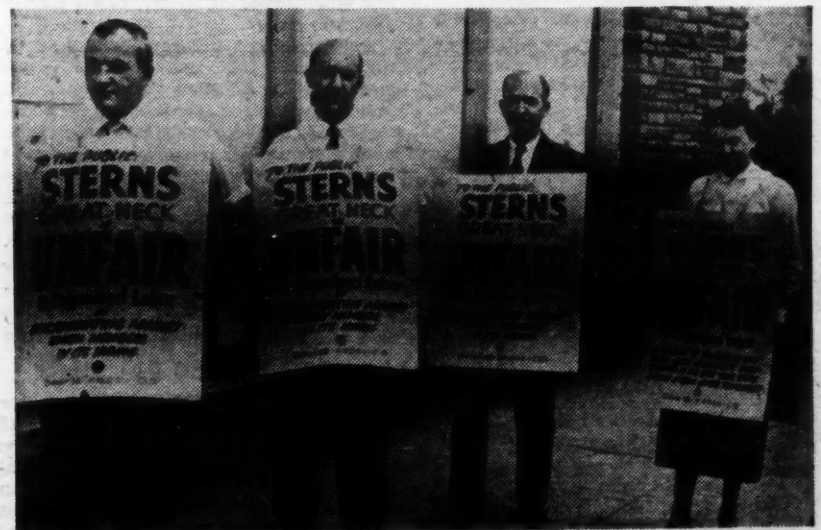
Stern Employees Angry

Meanwhile, the Stern employees at the 42nd St. store, after giving an angry reception to the news that the company reneged on last year's commitment, have asked a conference with the Stern's general manager, Mr. MacIntosh, '65' Dept. Store Dir. Carl Andren said delegations of Stern employees will demand on Mon-

day, Aug. 22 that the company answer for its anti-union attitude, expressed in its flat refusal to give any consideration to numerous requests of 42nd St. store employees for transfers to the Great Neck branch when it opens.

Andren explained that many Stern employees live near Great Neck and would benefit greatly from a transfer, which would eliminate daily trips of 20 and 30 miles to work in the New York store.

An emergency meeting of the Stern employees is scheduled for next Wednesday at the '65' Center.



Record photo by Bob Franklin

Picketing of new branch store of Stern Bros., in Great Neck, L.I., began Thursday morning, Aug. 11, in protest against company's blatant discrimination against union members in hiring, refusal to transfer employees from main store on 42nd St.

The Midwest

8c BOOST AT PORTER CO. IN ILL.

OTTAWA, Ill.—Agreement on a new contract between Local 976 and the J. E. Porter Co. was reached early last week and the employees, numbering more than 100, were due to act on the proposed settlement as The Record was in the mails, it was reported by Chicago Joint Board Pres. Henry Anderson, who assisted the local in negotiations.

The settlement offer includes across-the-board wage boosts of eight cents an hour and three additional paid holidays, as well as improvements in the union shop provision and life insurance coverage.

The employer has also agreed to re-vamp the wage structure with a view to increasing rates based on reclassification of jobs, Anderson said. A few minor issues are still under discussion.

The employer agreed, in changing the

union shop provision that a new employee could become a member of the union 30 days after hiring. The previous set-up called for 30 working days to elapse before a worker could join. Adding holidays and perhaps even a lay-off in that period, the time often extended to as much as two and three months.

Improved insurance coverage means that employees are now protected by the employer-paid life insurance up to six months after a lay-off instead of the former 90-day limit.

The firm is a supplier of playground equipment to schools, and also handles ice cream freezers.

David Condon, Active In Chi. Local 291, Dies

CHICAGO, Ill. — David Condon, an active member of Local 291 who worked as a clothing salesman in a Bond store, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on July 23. No previous illness warned of his condition, which struck fatally while he was at home. He was 43 years old.

A member of the union since Bond Stores were organized eight years ago, Condon worked at the Halsted St. store. He leaves his wife Agnes and a 10-year-old daughter Linda.

GREAT-GRANDPA 19 TIMES OVER!



Still functioning as financial secretary of RWDSU Local 357 in Anderson, Ind. is veteran union member Charles Hacker who will soon be 73 years young. In his present post for past 13 years, he is credited with over 50 years of union membership, having joined the Bottle Blowers in 1903. Charles' family includes seven children, 29 grandchildren, and 19 great-grand-children. Can anyone in the

RWDSU top this?



COMMITTEE MEMBERS of Local 976, Ottawa, Ill., take a recess in recent negotiations with J. E. Porter Co., playground equipment firm. Committee went on with negotiations covering more than 100 employees. Company has offered eight cent wage boosts, three additional holidays, improved life insurance. Seated, l. to r., Joseph Timm, Art Witte, Harriette Stone, Al Hertzner, Pres. of Local 976. In rear, Dempsey Robinson.

Canada

Hunt's Bakery Vote: 144-29 for RWDSU!

TORONTO, Ont.—After a campaign of more than a year Bakery & Confectionery Workers Local 461 of the RWDSU scored a smashing victory in an Ontario Labor Board election at Hunt's Bakery, with a vote of 144 to 29.

The local filed for certification in June 1954 when Woman's Bakery, where Local 461 had a contract, merged with Hunt's. An organizing campaign led by the late Int'l Rep. Bill Styles and '461' Sec.-Treas. Herb Thorne had signed up the majority of the workers, and the union waited while the labor board deliberated the case for a year.

Finally, on July 22, the vote was held and Local 461 came out with a solid victory.

Elsewhere in the local a contract settlement was reported at Rowntree's Chocolates, while negotiations were under way in Wender Bakeries, Mamy's Bread, Canada Bread and General Bakeries.

The Rowntree agreement provides for a reduction in hours without loss of pay, rate adjustments in several job categories, improved vacation and seniority provisions. The union negotiating committee included J. Gilligan, J. Stevenson, J. Ferguson, Joan Ferrier and Dorothy St. John. They were assisted by Int'l

Rep. H. Buchanan, who is also director of Local 461.

New 2-Year Contract At Sobey's in N.S.

SYDNEY, N.S. — The employees of Sobey's Store, members of Local 596, won a new contract providing wage increases and other gains, Int'l Rep. Walter Kensit reported.

The agreement will run for two years, until Jan. 1, 1957, and calls for retroactive pay in addition to vacation and holiday gains, and a reduction in working hours. The employees now enjoy such conditions as the union shop, nine paid holidays, two weeks' paid vacation after a year's service, a 39½-hour work week and time and a half for work performed after the first 15 minutes of closing time.

The negotiating committee included, in addition to Kensit, '596' Pres. Dan White and Steward Bill MacIntyre.

Locals Give to Help Nancy

As the hurricane season approaches this year, so does the anniversary of the death of Local 461 member, Mrs. Patricia Thorpe, who was drowned with her husband, her son and her mother in the terrible floods which hit Toronto in the wake of last October's Hurricane Hazel.

The sole survivor of this tragedy was Mrs. Thorpe's baby daughter Nancy. The International Union has issued an appeal for money to build the Nancy Thorpe Fund, established by Local 461 last year.

Pres. Max Greenberg has requested every local in the RWDSU to contribute to this fund, which will provide for Nancy Thorpe's education.

In his letter to the locals Pres. Greenberg pointed out that "Nancy is now one year old and is being brought up in the custody of an uncle, but Local 461 has not forgotten its obligation and is continuing its efforts" on her behalf. Contributions should be made out to "The Nancy Thorpe Fund" and sent to the RWDSU, 132 W. 43 St., N.Y.C. 36. They will be forwarded to Toronto.

Labor IQ Answers

(Questions on P. 4)

1. c) Peter J. McGuire. 2. b) Michigan. 3. a) Tenth. 4. a) agricultural workers. 5. b) Lister Hill.



BABY NANCY THORPE

RWDSUs raising funds for orphaned daughter of member.

Nova Scotia Tavern Strike Wins Labor Support for RWDSU

SYDNEY, N.S.—The Steelworkers, the Mine Workers, the Mechanics Union and other unions in the Cape Breton area are all supporting the two-weeks old lockout of newly organized tavern employees who joined RWDSU under the leadership of Int'l Rep. Walter Kensit last month.

Application for certification of the union as bargaining agent was filed in two of several taverns in this city now under organization, and the employers in the two places immediately sought to force the workers to declare against the union. Refusal by the workers to tolerate

this invasion of their right of free choice of a union resulted in the lockout and subsequent picketing.

Meanwhile, the unions in the area have formed a solid block of financial and moral support of the picketing, with the Steelworkers raising \$100 at a meeting one night and pledging \$200 a week toward the fight until it is settled. The Cape Breton Labor Council has urged all local union members to support the tavern workers in their fight to join RWDSU. Int'l Rep. Kensit has spoken at a number of local union meetings, appealing for such support.

CANADIAN STEEL WORKERS WIN 13-CENT PACKAGE

HAMILTON, Ont.—A contract agreement which will probably be a pace-setter for wages in Canada's steel industry this year has been reached between the United Steelworkers (CIO-CCL) and the Steel Co. of Canada. The 7,800 hourly-rated Stelco employees will receive a package worth about 13 cents an hour, worked out by conciliation board chairman Judge Walter Little. The package agreement includes an across-the-board increase of seven cents an hour; skill differentials will be raised by an average of four cents; afternoon and night shift premiums are raised; and work on statutory holidays will be paid for at double time and one half. The union has been trying to secure a new contract for nearly four months and the new agreement will be retroactive to April 1 last.

Pay, Hour Gains at A. S. Beck in Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill.—The members of Local 291 working in eight A. S. Beck retail shoe stores in Chicago ratified a new two-year contract last month which calls for wage and minimum boosts all down the line, a first step toward the five-day, 40-hour week, and improvements in vacations, Chicago Joint Board Pres. Henry Anderson reported. Local 291 is affiliated with the Joint Board of RWDSU in this city.

Across-the-board increases of \$2 a week were accompanied by \$2 raises in minimum rates for non-selling workers, bringing minimums to \$47 a week. An additional \$1 goes on the minimum rates next July 1.

Salesmen won \$1 increases in minimum salary, effective July 1, 1955, and another \$1 as of next July 1. Their salaries now start at \$70.50, and will go to \$71.50 next year.

Improved Vacations

Vacations were improved this year to three weeks after 12 years' service. Over the next two years there will be a further reduction in service requirement for the third week vacation to ten years.

As a beginning toward reducing the work week, the workers won a five-day, 40-hour week for seven weeks during the summer months. An added gain was a day's pay or an extra day off if a regular day off falls on a holiday.

The negotiating committee was led by Anderson, with Steward Max Cohen and Hal Williams, George Vallery, Ed Ezgur, Phil Lukas, Ida Pogacar, Bertha Leird and Elmer Helas.

Ada Yoder Retires



AFTER 49 YEARS at Post Cereals, Battle Creek, Mich., 12 of them as sec-treas. of Local 374, Ada Yoder is going to take life easy. She helped organize '374' 13 years ago. Now she leaves with best wishes of fellow RWDSUers at Post.

Clark Re-Elected President Of Iowa Quaker Oats Local

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia.—In a period of two weeks Local 110, the union of Quaker Oats workers here, engaged in elections of officers on three different levels of union organization. Starting with the annual city CIO Council balloting on July 25, in which '110' Pres. Sam Clark was elected first vice-president, the local then held its own elections, where Pres. Clark was returned to the top post. Local 110 delegates then went to Davenport to participate in the state CIO convention and election of officers of that body.

'110' Leaders on CIO Board

Among the three executive board members named from the Cedar Rapids area was Garold Ketchum, newly elected educational director of Local 110.

The Local 110 president was joined on the city CIO executive board by the local secretary, Irene Frame, who was elected second vice-president, and Garold Ketchum, named sergeant-at-arms.

In addition to Pres. Clark, Sec. Frame and Educational Dir. Ketchum, the new Local 110 officers, elected Aug. 3, are Vice-Pres. Carl C. Clark, Men's Chief Steward Robert Lambertson, Women's Chief Steward Evelyn Stuhler, Sergeant-at-Arms William P. Hease, and Trustees



SAMUEL CLARK

Re-elected president of Quaker Oats Local 110, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Unionists 'Glean' to Aid Crippled

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia.—Come harvest time in this state, famed throughout the world for its corn production, Iowa CIO and AFL union members are going to revive the practice of "gleaning the fields" in a drive to raise funds for the Iowa Society for Crippled Children & Adults. Local 110 of the RWDSU plans to contribute a goodly number of volunteers to the gleaning, to be held Nov. 5, Pres. Sam Clark reports.

Gleaning, or picking up the leftovers after the harvesters have been through the fields, is a practice usually associated with poor times, when the most hard hit would go into the harvested corn fields to gather leftover corn for their own kitchens. The gleaning this fall, though, is to be a "harvest of hope" for afflicted children and adults. The proceeds from sale of the gleaned corn will go to provide greater facilities for the society in its program of aid to the crippled.



STUDYING PACT they just won at Page Dairy in Mansfield, O., are members of negotiating committee of newly organized plant. At left is Regional Dir. Jerry Hughes; 2nd from r. is Unit Chairman Bill Long.

New Page Dairy Pact Paces Union-Building in Ohio

COLUMBUS, O.—Completion of the first RWDSU contract with the newly organized Page Dairy in Mansfield last month was a high spot in the vigorous union-building campaign of Local 379 RWDSU throughout this state. On the heels of the Page victory Regional Dir. Jerry Hughes reported progress in consolidating shops which had remained partially organized for the past few years.

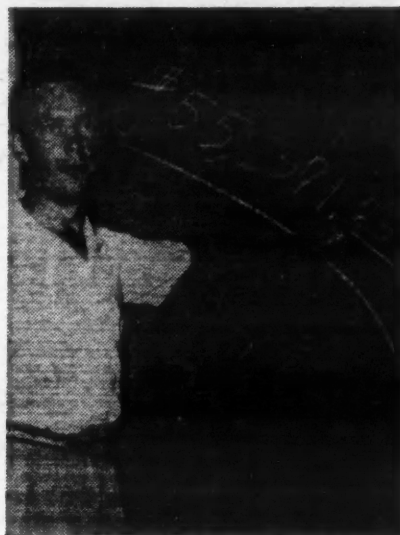
The Page Dairy workers, numbering close to 100, voted for RWDSU last June by a close margin. Before negotiations began the shop committee, led by Chairman Bill Long, signed up nearly every eligible worker in the plant and confronted the employer at the bargaining table with a solid plant. They came away with an agreement which meets nearly every one of their demands.

A strong working contract providing the union shop, seniority and comprehensive grievance procedure was coupled with wage gains for plant employees, ranging from 6 to 16 cents an hour. Driver salesmen won commission increases netting them increased earnings of \$15 to \$25 a month.

Further Raises After a Year

The contract also calls for automatic five-cent hourly boosts for plant workers after a year and further increases for salesmen as well. Vacations were improved to include three weeks off with pay after 15 years' service.

In Zanesville, meanwhile, an election petition has been filed with the NLRB concerning 25 plant employees at the Borden dairy. Hughes said an election is expected soon, since the company indicated it would readily consent to one. The salesmen have been organized in Local 379 for several years, and recently, with unit Vice-Chairman Russell Hall in the lead, they approached the plant workers and signed them up. Hughes



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, Page Dairy Chairman Bill Long spells out cash value of newly-won first RWDSU contract.

credited the recently established '379' dairy pension plan with having stimulated the workers' interest to the point of joining the union.

In Marysville the Nestle Company's powdered and canned milk plant completed organization with the signing up of 10 stationery engineers and firemen. They join 120 other 379ers who work in the plant and have been members of the union for some time. An election is due soon, Hughes said.



NEW LEADERS of recently-organized Wiseman Dairy in Ohio get best wishes in new responsibilities from Int'l Rep. Gene Ingles. Ingles shakes Chairman Paul Wilson's hand as Exec. Sec. Jim Robins looks on.

The South

New U. S. Rate Helps in Negotiations:

Miss. RWDSUers Top \$1 Minimum

JACKSON, Miss.—New contracts in three cotton oil plants in this state, employing members of RWDSU, are already showing the strong influence of the recently passed increase in the federal minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1 an hour, Regional Dir. Harry Bush reported.

The law becomes a reality next March 1st as a result of the determined efforts of organized labor, with RWDSU in the forefront of the campaign. At that time, the contracts will be reopened and the three RWDSU locals and the employers will work out new wage rates based on the higher minimum.

The plants are Buckeye Cotton Oil in Jackson, Miss., organized in Local 180A, and the Port Gibson and Leland Oil Works, both owned by the same company and located in the cities of the same name. The Leland workers are members of Local 129A and the Port Gibson plant is organized in Local 180C.



HARRY BUSH

In the case of Buckeye, Bush said, the 85 workers used their strength as a completely organized group, in combination with the passage of the higher minimum wage, to become the first plant in the entire cotton oil industry of the state to break through to a plant minimum of more than \$1 an hour for general help.

They won wage boosts of three cents an hour across the board as well as night shift differentials of three and five cents an hour for the second and third shifts. An added three cents was won by 14 mechanics, making the average plant-wide increase five cents an hour. Plant rates now range up to \$1.66 an hour.

Added to the wage gains were vacation improvements which call for a third week's vacation with pay after 15 years' service and a reduction of the two-week vacation requirement from five years to three years on the job. As a result, this vacation period will see 36 workers receive an extra week.

The negotiating committee was led by

'180' Pres. Sylvester Guster and included P.L. Pitts, Albert Hemphill, Will Young and C.J. Hinton. Regional Dir. Bush led the committee in the first and last negotiating conferences with the company.

Even more dramatic was the impact of the higher federal wage minimum on the workers in Port Gibson and Leland. Here, the new contract gains raised minimum rates for general labor from 84½ to 87½ cents an hour, with the three cent increase applying to the higher classifications as well. These go to 92½ cents an hour. The provision for reopening the contract when the new \$1 an hour federal minimum goes into effect is even more important to these workers, since it will mean increases totaling 15½ cents an hour.

Other gains for 120 workers in the two plants include two-week vacations after three years instead of five, two additional paid holidays, and improvements in the contract's arbitration clause. The Leland workers' committee included Pres. Will Owens, Jacob Cooks, James Blue and Anderson Martin. The Port Gibson workers were represented by Pres. John Wyatt and Vice-Pres. William Smallwood. They were led by Bush.

Bush pointed out that "it is important in considering the wages and conditions of these workers, as well as their achievements, to note that this state is lowest in the nation in per capita income, and that both Leland and Port Gibson have populations whose incomes average less than \$500 a year."



ALABAMA BAKERS meet to okay new contract won between their Local 441 in Birmingham and Home Baking Co. They met '441' wage pattern for this year with five-cent boosts and more for some job rating, plus other gains.

New \$1 Minimum Helps Avert Memphis Strike

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The recently organized employees of Clayton-Brown Co., a wholesale grocery, made use of Congressional action to avoid a strike. The workers, new members of Local 19, decided to postpone a fully-prepared strike for a wage increase in their first RWDSU contract in view of Congress' approval of a federal minimum wage of \$1 an hour instead of the present 75 cents. The workers have been earning between 75 and 90 cents an hour.

Meanwhile, the 29 workers accepted a contract providing a week's paid vacation, five paid holidays, a guaranteed work week of 42 hours with time and a half after 40, and a five-cent raise for 12 of the employees.

These gains are in addition to other provisions of Local 19 contracts, including seniority and grievance procedures. The union committee included Charlie Byas, Bruce Wiseman, Willy Bingham and Sam Thomas, led by Regional Dir. Harry Bush.

5c Raise, Other Gains At Alabama Bakery

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The members of Local 441 working in the Home Baking Co. unanimously ratified a new contract providing a wage boost of five cents an hour for most of the employees, with additional raises for three classifications to correct inequities, Regional Dir. Frank Parker, who led the contract negotiations, reported.

Other gains were a guaranteed 40-hour work week and a clause providing leaves of absence with no loss in seniority. The inequity increases amounted to an added five cents in two categories and four cents additional in one other. Three cents of the general increase is effective Aug. 1, with the other two cents to be paid Jan. 1, 1956.

Parker said the settlement is in line with the pattern established among Local 441 bakeries in Birmingham in the current wage campaign. With Parker in the negotiations were '441' Recording Sec. Margaret Robbins and a shop committee including Chairman Homer Cox, James Keith, Monroe Wright and Leo Washington.

U.S. Tobacco, Perry Co. Settle in Nashville, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Two settlements affecting nearly 200 members of Local 150 were concluded this month at the big U.S. Tobacco Co. and J.L. Perry Co., electric appliance distributors, Regional Dir. Frank Parker reported.

The U.S. Tobacco workers won wage increase of five cents an hour as well as other contract gains under the leadership of '150' Pres. James Pate and a negotiating committee including Lonnie Trabue, Thomas Glenn, Elmer Tomlin, Clara Yaney and Alma Reed.

At the Perry shop the new contract calls for wage boosts of four cents an hour plus an additional paid holiday, making a total of six. Parker pointed out that the Perry workers had won an increase of five cents an hour in June of this year on a contract reopener. The Perry committeemen were Finis Butts and Frank Randolph, led by Pate.

Would 'Re-populate Entire Community'

La. Strikers Fight Feudal Lord

RESERVE, La.—This town of 3,500, for the past four months the scene of a bitterly-fought strike of 900 sugar workers against the Godchaux Sugar Co., is facing up to a threat by the company to "repopulate the entire community." In the arrogant manner of a feudal lord, the owner of the company which practically "owns" this entire town, told Life Magazine that as a result of the strike and the violence brought about by the importation of professional scabs, "we may be faced with the problem of repopulating the entire community."

Godchaux's willingness to destroy a community and uproot the entire population of a town is being answered by the United Packinghouse Workers, CIO, which is conducting the strike at Godchaux and at Colonial Sugar Co. in nearby Gramercy, La. A special one-day convention of the union this month authorized a \$5 per month increase in dues in order to raise a \$1,500,000 strike fund, which will be used to support the sugar strike as well as other struggles the union is waging.

The Louisiana walkout, which has been going on since April 14, is costing the union \$16,000 a week, the CIO News reported. The strike has been marked by jail sentences and fines for leading union members, as well as evictions from company-owned homes. However, the strikers are holding fast. Only 21 of the 1,500 strikers have responded to the employer sponsored back-to-work movement, despite all forms of pressure.

Company efforts to recruit strikebreakers from the immediate area have failed but scabs have been obtained in New Orleans and other more distant communities, some as much as 200 miles away. Armed company guards stally

the streets of the struck towns, but the people—strikers and non-strikers alike—are fighting back, despite eviction suits and arrests.

Meanwhile, the Packinghouse Workers, with the support of national CIO, is pressing its "Don't Buy Godchaux and Colonial Sugar" campaign. And the strike goes on.



SUGAR STRIKERS ARE JAILED as courts co-operate with powerful sugar bosses by handing down stiff penalties for minor infractions in some cases, trumped up ones in other instances. These men are members of CIO Packinghouse Workers Local 1167.

Ask U.S. Pay For Bus Strike Scabs

WASHINGTON, D. C.—For the first time in the memory of present-day Congressmen, legislation was introduced in the House of Representatives to compel private employers to hire scabs and strikebreakers.

A bill proposed by union-hating Rep. Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.), designed to break a strike of AFL street car operators in the Nation's Capital, would not only direct the Capital Transit Co. to hire scabs but also authorize the employer, Louis E. Wolfson, to pay the strike-breakers 50% higher wages than the going rate.

The premium wages for scabs, according to Hoffman's plan, would come out of public taxes, including those paid by the striking AFL street carmen.

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AN historic struggle is taking shape, one that will involve every member of District 65. It is a struggle on the most basic of all issues affecting unions: the right to organize.

Stern's Dept. Store, and its parent company, the giant Allied Stores Corp., have issued a challenge to every 65er—and to the entire labor movement—by their actions on the opening of a new branch store in Great Neck, L.I. While they are advertising everywhere for employees for this store, they refuse to transfer a single 65er from the 42 St. store; they refuse to hire a single union member; they even refuse to hire former Wanamaker employees who worked in that very Great Neck store—obviously because they used to be members of an AFL union, and would therefore be responsive to District 65's organizing campaign.

Stern's and Allied Stores have made it clear that they want the Great Neck store to be non-union, and that they will obstruct in every possible way District 65's right to organize.

Stern's is following Bloomingdale's on the path to union-busting. Their efforts to keep District 65 out of their suburban branches are a direct threat to the hard-won union conditions enjoyed by 65ers in New York department stores—and indeed to those of every union member.

This challenge is being met by '65'. Steps are being taken to intensify the union's efforts to defend its right to organize; more organizers are being added to the '65' staff; the struggle is being extended, with full cooperation of the International union and other CIO and AFL unions, to other cities where there are Allied and Federated department stores.

But the most important part of the job is what 65ers themselves will do. The task is a big one. Pres. David Livingston has issued a call to all members "to devote every possible spare hour to picketing and organizing at Stern's Great Neck store and Bloomingdale's Fresh Meadows, New Rochelle and Stamford stores."

Department store 65ers, who have a special stake in the success of the union drive to organize the suburban stores, are mobilizing for a greatly stepped-up campaign. Dept. Store Dir. Carl Andren reports that the store 65ers, who had been paying a \$1 per month assessment if they did not picket, are going to concentrate on picketing and home visiting of suburban store employees, rather than payment of the assessment.

The Local 3 executive board has already recommended this policy to Bloomingdale's 65ers, and other department store locals are expected to take similar action.

In this struggle, District 65 is taking on two of America's most powerful corporations. It's going to be a tough fight—one that will demand the very best that 65ers are capable of. But it's a fight that can and will be won, if every member realizes that this is his fight—as it is—and joins in the defense of the union's right to organize.



Surveyor at work on new Gimbels branch in Yonkers typifies growth of suburban shopping centers and movement of department stores to suburbs.

Product of Sound Union-Employer Relations:

AGREEMENTS COVER BRANCHES OF GIMBELS, NAMM'S, SAKS

Nearly a year ago District 65 Pres. David Livingston declared, "The campaign to organize the branch stores is a campaign to save the jobs of all department store employees in New York whose jobs are seriously threatened by the diversion of more and more business to the suburbs."

Now, after more than a year in which the suburban branch store campaign has been a focal point for the entire union, the first important fruits of the campaign are appearing.

● The big new Gimbel's department store branch in the Cross County shopping center in Yonkers, N.Y., which is due to open Sept. 8, is covered by a '65' agreement which will affect some 500 employees.

● Union coverage is also assured for the Massapequa, L.I. branch of Saks-34th, which is to open in the near future. It is expected that this branch will employ about 100 people.

● In two branch stores already opened, Dept. Store Dir. Carl Andren reported the settlement of a contract covering the employees of Namm-Loeser suburban stores in Bayshore and Woodmere, L.I. Negotiations led by General Org. Nick Carnes have resulted in bringing conditions in those stores into line with '65' department store conditions. The agreement, which was acted on by the members as *The Record* went to press last week, calls for wage increases of \$2, \$3 and \$4 a week. Andren said the new contract parallels that of the main store on Flatbush Ave. in Brooklyn.

Pres. Livingston noted that as a result of the agreements with management, these suburban stores would be covered "by the finest health and welfare program in the country—the '65' Security Plan."

The significance of these victories has been pointed up by their contrast to the anti-union attitude of Stern's department store management, which has joined Bloomingdale's in the fight to keep '65' out of suburban branches.

The department store 65ers and the entire District, encouraged by developments at Gimbels, Saks and Namm-Loeser, prepared for an all-out concentration of organizing efforts at Bloomingdales and Stern's.

Dept. Store Dir. Andren declared this concentration would be "the greatest ever undertaken in the union's history, and one in which we will deal with the arrogant department store giants who have adopted the anti-union attitude of the runaway employer."



Gimbels suburban branch store in Cross County Shopping Center, Yonkers, is scheduled to open Sept. 8. Photo above, showing construction in final stages, was taken Aug. 16.

Michelson Sees '55 Wage Drive in Homestretch

REVLON, TEXTILE, LERNER'S SETTLE

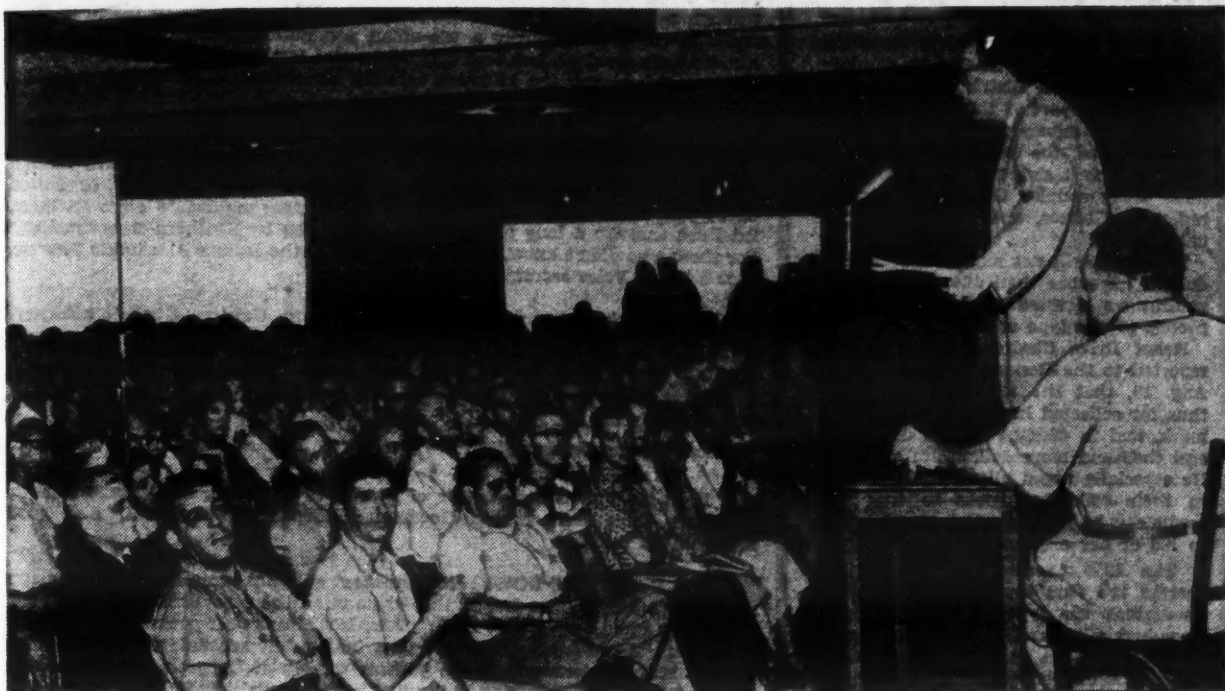
Contract settlements with the Revlon Cosmetics Co., the Textile Association, and a definite area of agreement at Lerner's, all reached in the past two weeks, bring closer successful conclusion of the 1955 wage drive of District 65, Organization Dir. Bill Michelson announced. Wage gains include: \$3 per week for 500 workers in Textile Association's one-year pact; at Rev-

lon, \$5 to \$9 raises for 600 workers for two years; and at Lerner's, \$4 to \$6.40 plus a cut in hours for 900 employees in a two-year contract.

The Dry Goods association shop employees, meanwhile, were scheduled to act on an employers' offer this week, while members working in Corrugated association shops have been considering an offer of a \$4 raise for 2 years at shop and crew meetings. General Org. Bob Burke reported that most crews had approved this part of the offer, but were insisting on changes in certain contract clauses. A meeting with the employers was scheduled prior to the Corrugated membership meeting of Aug. 22, in an effort to settle this question.

The Lerner agreement, in which some details are still under discussion, provides for wage increases of 10 to 16 cents an hour for two years and a reduction in hours to 37½ for all 900 employees, as well as raises in minimums. For a 10-week busy period the workers will revert to a 40-hour week. Pres. Livingston led negotiations with General Organizer Milton Reverby.

The areas still under discussion, Reverby said, concern the minimums and the distribution of the wage increases over 10 cents an hour. It is expected that by the time of the local membership meeting, on Aug. 24, these details will



Record Photo by Clarence Bowman

NEW TEXTILE ASS'N. PACT drew overwhelming approval of big Textile Local membership meeting in Penthouse of '65' Center last Tuesday night. Over 500 are covered by agreement which brings a \$3 raise for one year, plus minimums of \$60 in the office. Pres. Dave Livingston, is shown chairing meeting. Gen. Org. Frank Brown, leader of Textile 65ers, is seated at right.

Membership Reviews Union Policy On Salaries for Staff Personnel

A review of the relationship between wages of District 65 staff personnel and wages in the various industries of the District is under way in all locals of the union. Committees designated by the locals for this purpose were instructed at the August General Council meeting to bring final recommendations to the General Council meeting in October.

The August Council action came after a vigorous discussion, led by Pres. Liv-

ingston, pointed up the need for acquainting all members with the union's staff wage policy.

Pres. Livingston urged that "this discussion should not be one aimed at deciding whether or not our staff deserves a raise. It should determine what the members in each local think their organizers and general organizers are worth—what salary they should receive. Whatever wage policy we arrive at, its aim should be to develop the finest and ablest leaders for our Union."

Livingston emphasized that the issue of wage policy for the union staff con-

cerned not only organizers, but department personnel and clerical employees as well. He cited the need for developing additional leaders in all departments of the District such as Security Plan, Consumer Service, Hiring Hall and others, which are growing as the union grows.

He called attention, too, to the union's need to attract more women leaders, and declared that not enough women members are taking advantage of openings on the clerical staff. He pointed out that women leaders of '65' have traditionally risen from the ranks of the union's clerical staff.



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have been settled, and the workers will act on the entire contract. They have already approved the wage and hour gains.

The hard-won Revlon agreement, which was reached in negotiations during a postponement of arbitration sessions, was ratified by the 600 Revlon workers at a meeting last week, as The Record went to press. Effective for two years beginning Feb. 1, 1955, the pact provides wage boosts of \$5 and \$6, an additional \$3 a week for workers commuting to the new Passaic, N.J., plant, plus further wage adjustments for employees in the lipstick and other manufacturing departments. Minimums were raised \$4 and a third week's vacation after 15 years' service was won.

General Org. Reverby drew particular attention to the important victory of the Revlon workers in winning financial consideration for those workers transferring from the Bronx plant to the new Passaic Revlon plant. In addition to the \$3 to alleviate increased commuting costs, those employees not able to transfer will receive severance pay. In addition, workers eligible for retirement under the '65' Pension Plan will have their pension rights protected.

The Revlon negotiators were led by Organization Dir. Michelson and Reverby, with Organizer Dean Zavattaro and a committee of 15 stewards.

Office Organized At General Supply

RETAIL TV LOCAL—Salesmen in the eight General Supply stores in New Jersey, who have been 65ers for about two years, have organized the firm's office workers and shipping and stockmen in a quick campaign which was capped this month by a contract patterned after the salesman's own. Organizer Murray Silverstein reported.

The 12 new 65ers won wage boosts of \$7 over two years plus a reduction in the work week to 40 hours and Security Plan coverage, which will include the Medical Plan if the salesman win it in their negotiations. Minimums were raised to \$60 for bookkeepers, \$50 for general office workers and \$65 for stock and shipping.

The salesmen are now in negotiations, seeking a higher base wage, a reduction in hours and the Medical Plan, in addition to a number of other demands.

Elsewhere in the local, the workers in Oscar's Radio shop and Stewart's Radio won new two-year contracts providing weekly wage increases of \$4.



Record Photo by Frank Kermes

SETTLEMENT OFFER from employers gets going-over at meeting of Corrugated Local executive board Aug. 15. Local Vice-Chairman Hector Jacques, I., leads discussions on employers' offer, which includes five-cent boost now, additional five cents next year.

New Chevy, Other Prizes Waiting

Community Fund Drive Entering Homestretch

District 65's Community Fund Drive for 1955 will draw to a close in September, and at the October General Council meeting when some lucky 65er will find himself the proud owner of a new Chevrolet as a result of his or her generosity.

During the month of September, each local will also have an opportunity to

Registration For Classes

"School days, School days,
Dear old golden rule days . . ."

Those days are almost here again, for students in District 65's classes in Typing, Bookkeeping, Stenography, Spanish and English.

Registration for the Fall session will take place Tuesday, Sept. 6, through Thursday Sept. 8, Classes Director Thelma Dailley announced. Registration will be held at the District 65 Center (13 Astor Place) from 7 to 9 p.m.

The classes will begin the week of Sept. 19 and continue for 16 weeks. Sessions will be held one evening each week, except Beginners Typing, which will meet two nights each week.

Miss Dailley said that a number of former students have already been upgraded in their jobs and some have been able to go from factory jobs to office work as a result of their studies in the '65' classes. A list of the classes, the evenings on which they will meet, and the registration fee follows:

Bookkeeping I, Monday	2.
Bookkeeping II, Monday	2.
Stenography I, Monday	2.
Stenography II, Monday	2.
Typing I, Monday and Tuesday	4.
Typing II, Wednesday	2.
Spanish I, Tuesday	2.
Spanish II, Wednesday	2.

Davega Grievances Resolved

RETAIL TV LOCAL—In an attempt to clean the slate prior to the arbitration of the Davega contract reopener, a number of grievances were taken up with management and resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned, Org. Al Turbane reported. Several other grievances still remain to be settled, however. The date of the arbitration has yet to be set and an arbiter named.

The Davega management agreed to give vacation pay to the widows of former employees Chester Davis and Frank Abramson, who passed away before the vacation period. The Union and company, in resolving this grievance, agreed that the paying of these claims not be regarded as setting a precedent.

Proper classification was won for S.

give a gift to one of its lucky members. All of the gifts were donated by employers and friends of District 65 anxious to show their support of the worthy causes, to which the money will go. Luby Chevrolet donated the car and Grossinger Country Club is giving a free weekend to some lucky couple. Other gifts include radios, appliances, and many other valuable prizes.

The drive will net many thousands of dollars for more than 100 different organizations devoted to assisting needy people, of one type or other.

Relief Drive Chairman John Meegan reported to the General Council meeting Aug. 10, that the total sum of money thus far collected has passed the \$12,000 mark, and in winding up the drive several thousand more dollars are expected. He especially urged all stewards to turn in their collection books so that full credit can be given to each member and to his or her organization.

The 1955 Community Fund Drive marks the first time that the Union undertook the type of drive, wherein members who donated could get prizes in return. As a result of the experience gained, the committee secretary, Sol Molofsky, expressed the opinion that new approaches developed this year could be expanded so that this year's total amount can be exceeded.

An important result of this drive and others, Molofsky said, is to make clear to the membership and the community organizations that District 65ers are generous and that this generosity should be properly credited. In the past, members gave their contributions through company fund drives or on an individual basis thus not giving the proper impression of the amounts that our members actually contributed.

Kenner who was performing the duties of a shipping clerk and not receiving the correct rate of pay. The adjustment brought about an increase of \$5 per week. The sum of \$25 was awarded to a salesman whose coat was lost during a warehouse sale.

Grievances involving such issues as home sales, warehouse claims for proper overtime, and commissions on appliances in self-service stores, will be resolved at a later date.

13 ASTOR PLACE

By BERNIE STEPHENS

● "What's with Al Evanoff?" someone asked last week, and it dawned on us that there is a group of 65ers we don't see these days around 13 Astor Place. They're the people, numbered among the best in our ranks, who pulled up roots and headed for distant cities to work for the International Union. There's Al Evanoff in Chicago; Harry Bush in Memphis; Irving Lebold in Charleston, So. Car.; and Henry Hamilton in Newport News, Va. For the many, many friends they all have in the union, here's a smattering of news about them, with a promise to keep closer touch through this column in the future: Irv Lebold has been up to his neck in a strike in Charleston, hardly a pro-union community. Before that Irv was in a nasty auto accident, but, knock wood, he and family came out of it okay. . . . Al Evanoff, roaming the Midwest, recently honored with appointment as Regional Director for International Union. He and wife Hilda thrilled with their pretty baby girl . . . Harry Bush covering Mid-South region, and you should hear his wife Gert's Southern accent, which she can turn on or off at will. The Bush family, it should be noted, is expecting a second child any month now . . . Henry Hamilton, as faithful readers of The Record know, organized workers of Chesapeake Bay Frosted Foods who were making 50 cents an hour, led them through a long strike which was broken by Southern-style "justice." For those who didn't know, Henry is married to the former Alexandria Barrow, once a Union Voice secretary.

● Dave Livingston was talking with Eugene Gordon, Gimbel's attorney, about what makes a perfect contract, when Mr. Gordon told the following story: A car pulled up at gas station outside a farm community, and after the car was gassed-up, the driver offered the station owner a drink of corn whiskey. "How's the whiskey?" the driver asked the old, weather-beaten native, "Just perfect," was the reply, "because if it were any worse I wouldn't have drunk it, and if it were any better you wouldn't have given it to me."

● At the Fulton Street store of Davega in Brooklyn, Al Turbane reports, there are three 65ers named Goodman, Goodson and Goodwill. And good members, all three.

● IKE BUCKLES DOWN: Here, without editorial comment, are some news stories from Washington just as they came in on the press service tickers:

United Press, July 5, 8:48 A.M.: "President Eisenhower put away his holiday memories and buckled down today to a grinding July schedule that will include the Big Four Conference and the possible windup of Congress. The President faced a Washington steaming in summer heat and stricken by a transit system strike that produced the city's worst traffic jam in history."

Associated Press, July 5, 12:41 P.M.: "Eisenhower decided to knock off work early today to take in a movie he has been wanting to see for some time. Warner Theatre arranged a private afternoon showing (3 P.M.) of 'This is Cinerama.' White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President has been wanting to see the picture, now in its second year, for quite some time."

United Press, July 11, 9:17 A.M.: "President Eisenhower started a busy workweek today in preparation for his Friday night departure for the Big Four meeting in Geneva, Switzerland."

United Press, July 12, 9:20 A.M.: "President Eisenhower cancelled his regular Wednesday news conference this week because of the press of preparations for the Big Four Conference in Geneva next week."

United Press, July 12, 2:09 P.M.: "President Eisenhower went to Burning Tree Club today for a round of golf with his son, Maj. John Eisenhower."

● Irv Baldinger tells about the fellow who was walking in the park on a recent Sunday towing a mangy-looking dog and carrying a sign, "Dog for Sale." A prospective customer walked up and asked the price. "Five thousand dollars," the owner said. "For that mutt?" the customer asked, and walked away in a huff. The following Sunday, the two met again in the same park, but the owner no longer had his dog. "What happened to your dog?" asked the other. "Sold him," the owner replied. "You mean somebody gave you \$5,000 for that pup?" he was asked. "Sure," the owner said. "In cash?" the other asked incredulously. "No," replied the owner. "I took two \$2,500 cats for him."

● ONCE OVER LIGHTLY: Air conditioning of 13 Astor Place won't faze the latest group of foreign dignitaries to visit District 65. Due in September is a delegation from Iceland, including the minister of commerce and a member of the Iceland parliament who is also head of the master craftsmen association . . . His many friends mourning with Bobby Berse the loss of his mother Aug. 11. . . . Harvey Hollenberg, 16 year old son of Willie, Arthur Belr steward, took first prize on Channel 13 program "Junior Town Meeting," with essay on "politics as a career" . . . Newspaper item says at new Gimbel's Cross County store "Service and comfort for the customer is stressed throughout—even for canines. A special drinking fountain facing the center's mall has been included for dogs . . ." How much money is the average dog able to spend at Gimbel's, anyway?

10-Day Jersey Strike Won By 35 New District 65ers

VINELAND, N. J.—A ten-day strike against the newly-organized Keen Mfg. Co., suppliers of poultry farm equipment, was won by Local 95 of District 65 Aug. 17, Organizer Saul Klein reported. The settlement represents a total package of 25 cents over a 21 month period.

Provisions of the 2-year contract, which cover approximately 35 workers, provide for a 17½ cent increase per hour over the life of the contract, the '65' Security Plan in 1956, improvements in the vacations and other features of a '65' contract. The expiration date is June 1, 1957.

The Keen workers, who recently voted for District 65 in an NLRB election, had been in negotiations with the company for several weeks in an attempt to conclude their first '65' contract. The firm

made a "take-it-or-leave-it" offer of 6 cents, which the workers rejected, thus precipitating the strike.

Acting on the recommendations of Pres. David Livingston, with whom the Keen employees had met prior to the walkout, the shop had built a strike fund and were prepared for any eventuality.

The negotiations were led by Org. Klein and a committee which included Sam Rubino, Oscar Des, Leroy Miller, William Snow, Kenneth Smith and Walter Ram.

DISTRICT 65 MEETING NOTICE

DATE	LOCAL	TIME	PLACE
Saturday	August 20	Display (Shoe)	Room 405
Sunday	August 21	Union News & ABC	5th Floor Lounge
Monday	August 22	Corrugated	Penthouse
"	"	Metal (Spanish)	Clover Room
"	"	Millinery	Oval Room
Tuesday	August 23	Sample Card	Panel Room
"	"	Cosmetic & Drug	Oval Room
"	"	Shoe	Green Room
"	"	RTV & Retail General	Whitman Hotel
Wednesday	August 24	(Jamaica, LI, Queens)	
"	"	General Office	Panel Room
"	"	Apparel	Penthouse
"	"	RTV	Oval Room
"	"	Knitwear	Clover Room
Thursday	August 25	Dry Goods	Penthouse
"	"	Cigar	Clover Room
"	"	Screen	Room 505
"	"	Display (Service)	Room 505
"	"	RTV (New Jersey)	Continental Ballroom
Monday	August 29	Toy & Giftware	Green Room
"	"	Dental	Room 505
"	"	Corr. Night Shift	5th Floor Lounge
Tuesday	August 30	Local 3	Penthouse
"	"	Retail General	Oval Room
"	"	New Jersey	Continental Ballroom
Wednesday	August 31	Garfield News	5th Floor Lounge
"	"	Boston	Clover Room

Livingston Hails "Fine Achievement"

95% Register for Medical Benefits

Pointing up the great value which District 65 members attach to their Medical Plan benefits, more than 95% of all 65ers covered by the Plan registered their choice of medical benefits under the new program to start Sept. 1, it was announced by Medical Plan Dir. Irving Baldinger. This turnout of members in the midst of a record heat wave and a vacation period, was described by Pres. David Livingston as



Irv Baldinger

"another fine achievement by the members of our Union." He hailed the work of the organizers, rank and file committees, and particularly department personnel of the Medical Plan, headed by Baldinger and Bill Sidel, "for a very fine accomplishment."

The huge registration task was accomplished in a six week period, ending Aug. 15. Each member was asked to fill out a Medical Plan registration card, specifying a choice of either fee-for-service cash benefits for themselves and their families, or medical care through the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York (HIP).

● The fee-for-service benefits provide cash reimbursement, according to a schedule of fees, for the services of any doctor of the member's choice. The fee schedule is available at the Medical Plan office.

● HIP coverage provides virtually complete medical care, at no cost to the individual member, through one of the 30-odd medical groups which are part of HIP. Each member chooses a family physician in the medical group, and also uses HIP specialists, technicians and other medical services.

Baldinger said that while the breakdown of figures is still in progress, a preliminary study shows that a majority of members selected HIP coverage, although many thousands of others chose the fee-for-service type of benefits.

This unique medical care program of District 65 has received wide publicity in the press, plus praise for the program and a promise of cooperation from

the leading doctors of New York City. Heads of the medical societies of New York in each of the five boroughs met with Pres. Livingston and Security Plan leaders, and expressed great interest and enthusiasm for the program. They agreed to recommend to their doctor-members, who include every doctor in the city, that they charge exactly what the fee schedule of '65' provides.

If carried out by the doctors, this would mean that members who chose the fee-for-service program, using their own doctors, would be reimbursed by the Union for their total doctor fees.

The '65' medical program has also received attention from numerous other quarters, including such unions as the United Auto Workers, CIO, and the Ladies Garment Workers, AFL. Representatives of

these unions, Baldinger said, have expressed close interest in the entire '65' Medical Plan program.

More Info on Benefits

The type of benefits chosen by members in the Medical Plan registration is effective Sept. 1, and continues for one year (when members will again be given a choice). For those who selected fee-for-service benefits, claim forms are available at the Medical Plan office (6th floor, 13 Astor Pl.).

Members who did not register before the Aug. 15 deadline are urged to register at once. Their benefits will become effective on the first of the month following the date their registration card is received.



Record photo by Frank Kerness
BEHIND THE SCENES in tremendous task of registering thousands of 65ers for medical benefits were many rank and file committee members, as well as Medical Plan department personnel. Their job was to handle carefully the many clerical duties necessary, so that "anafus" would not creep into program. At left, standing, Bill Sidel, Medical Plan organizer, who supervised processing of medical registration cards. Committee members in photo include, l. to r., Phil Frankel and Harriet Landau of Drygoods; Estelle Egan of Sterns; Gizella Weiss of Hardware; and Max Berman of Jersey Local.



Record photo by Clarence Bowman

HANDSOME WATCHES for perfect attendance at General Council, Local Executive Board and membership meetings were awarded recently to Stewards Not Rosen of Hudson Service, left, and Norman Kogitz of Towne Brook Fabrics, two Textile Local stalwarts.

65ers Achieve 90.3% in Dues; Jersey Local 100% Again

Results of the District 65 Dues Inspection of Aug. 6 revealed that the Union as a whole reached an average of 90.3% in good dues standing, Finance Director Harry Karpe announced. The figures show a rise of 1.2% over the inspection for the same period in 1954.

Twenty-three of the 35 locals in District 65 hit 90% or better in the recent inspection. The New Jersey Local, led by Organizer Frank Engelberg and Local Chairman Tony Lofaro, achieved 100% for the fifth dues inspection in a row. Once again everyone of the members in this local is in good standing as the New Jersey Local continues its record-breaking performance. Two other locals, Insurance and Financial, also hit 100%.

Six locals scored between 95 and 100%. They include Sample Card, Knitwear, Local 2 (Gimbels, Saks-34th), Local 95, Dry Goods and General Office.



Tony Lofaro

DUES STANDING OF THE LOCALS

New Jersey	100.	Screen	91.8
Insurance	100.	Needle Processing	91.5
Financial	100.	New Jersey Corrugated	91.2
Sample Card	99.3	Display	91.2
Knitwear	97.3	Hardware	90.7
Local 2 (Gimbels, Saks-34th)	97.2	Button	89.7
Local 95	97.1	New York Corrugated	88.6
Dry Goods	96.1	Local 1250 (Namms, Nortons)	88.1
General Office	96.1	Retail T.V.	86.9
News	94.3	Metal Processing	86.8
Shoe	94.2	Food	86.8
Toy & Giftware	94.1	Retail General	86.6
Cigar	93.1	Local 3 (Bloomingdales)	85.1
Chemical & Paint	93.1	Local 5 (Sterns)	84.9
Textile	92.6	Direct Mail	83.3
Millinery	92.1	Cosmetic & Drug	81.4
Garment Supply	92.0	Dental	78.2
Apparel	91.8	Union-Wide Average	90.3

LA VOZ HISPANA

Taller de Metal, 68 Obreros, Se Organizan en el '65'

Así como llegó la primavera a Nueva York, en Marzo pasado, también se unieron los trabajadores de Star Casting Corp. al Distrito 65 buscando un poco de protección y seguridad en sus trabajos. Esta compañía que emplea 68 trabajadores se dedica a manufacturar utensilios de metal.

Hoy 51 de los 68 obreros han firmado con el Distrito 65 y la mayoría de ellos ya han terminado de pagar su iniciación. El Distrito 65, por el otro lado, ya lleno aplicación, solicitando una elección ante la Junta Nacional de Relaciones Obreras, (NLRB) y se ha fijado la fecha de Septiembre 1ro para llevarla a cabo.

El contacto en este taller fué hecho por el Org. General Andy Bellemare, el cual tiene varios amigos trabajando en la planta. Desde el mes de Marzo un grupo de estos compañeros han venido reuniéndose con él en el Centro del Distrito 65, multiplicándose el número de asistentes a los mítines gradualmente. Andy ha sido asistido en esta campaña de organización, por el director del departamento de contratos del Distrito 65, Phil Mannheim y la Organizadora Valerie Robinson.

El patrón, al verse solicitado por el Distrito 65, manifestándole que sus empleados se han unido al Distrito 65, ha dicho que otra Union de la Federación Americana ha organizado el taller. Andy

Bellemare ha dicho que los trabajadores no soportan otra organización más que el Distrito 65, y este dueño está luchando desesperadamente para que sus empleados no estén con una Union honesta y decente.

En el curso de los mítines de los trabajadores de Star se han llevado a cabo varios discusiones donde se han puesto de manifiesto las tácticas anti-Unionista de esta compañía además de los bajos salarios, y pobres condiciones de trabajo. Dijo El Organizador General que ya los trabajadores han trazado sus demandas y que solo ansían el día de la elección para demostrar al dueño que se el Distrito 65 la Union de su predilección.



Record photo by Jim Vargas

UN FELIZ RETIRO fué brindado a Ramón Acosta, empleado de Acme Backing Co., recientemente, después de 25 años de servicio con la firma. Ramón aparece rodeado por Stewards, de izquierda a derecha, Arthur Loeb, Vito Puglia, presentando cheque del taller, Walter Bobko, Eddy Mertz, mientras otros compañeros de trabajo al fondo, brindan por su salud y bienestar en fiesta de despedida celebrada por los trabajadores.

Informe Financiero del '65' Senala Progreso

El informe financiero rendido por el Secretario Tesorero del Distrito 65, Cleveland Robinson, al Concilio General el mes pasado, señaló una de las mejores épocas en varios años. En su informe presentando un presupuesto para el año venidero para las actividades del Distrito 65 señaló un sobrante de 117.000 pesos en el

Una Grupo HIP no Cobra mas por la Penicilina

El Grupo Médico de Jamaica ha anunciado que los doctores no cobran más por inyecciones de penicilina.

Después de varios mítines con el Director del Grupo de Jamaica, el Comité de Comunidad del 65, trajo a discusión el caso de las inyecciones y se señaló que el costo de la penicilina era muy bajo. El Dr. Landess, director del Grupo, dijo que él había propuesto eliminar el cobro por inyecciones de penicilina y en el mitin de junio 3 la proposición fué aceptada.

Otros comités en varias comunidades están tratando de eliminar el cobro de \$1.00 por inyecciones de penicilina.

Robinson dijo en su informe, que el mayor factor para el sobrante se debe a que se perdieron menos de los que se habían anticipado. A pesar que hubieron algunas pérdidas, debidas a liquidaciones y reorganizaciones de algunas firmas, no es menos cierto que también han habido organización en las tiendas por departamentos, en varias industrias, y la adquisición de la Local 95en el Sur de Jersey, al Distrito.

También dejó ver claro, que, bastante crédito, hay que darle también a las regulaciones del Distrito, haciendo que cada miembro asuma responsabilidad en la dirección de la Union, haciendo posible presentar más trabajo con menos personal.

El informe propone que se re-examine

los salarios de los organizadores, así como los de todos los que trabajan en la Union. Al adoptar este programa, los Stewards, los mítines generales del mes de Agosto, discutirán los salarios que creen deberán tener los directores y líderes de la Union.

Muchas Locales han nombrado comisiones para que hagan estudios sobre el caso. Estas comisiones rendirán informes sobre el salario que habrán de recibir sus organizadores y sus Organizadores Generales.

El informe solicita que se estudie y se hagan recomendaciones, pues hay en perspectiva, el traer más Organizadores, y líderes más hábiles, del seno de nuestra Union.

Los Stewards adoptaron un presupuesto, que cubre las operaciones de la Union hasta Septiembre, después que

Robinson observó que un presupuesto para todo el año no se podría presentar hasta que todas la Locales no hagan sus presupuestos en sus respectivas industrias, así como la póliza a seguir respecto a salarios. Después que la Locales hagan sus estimados y estos sean sometidos a la Oficina del Secretario Tesorero, entonces se someterá el presupuesto general al Concilio para su aprobación.

Los Stewards aprobaron el autorizar que se nombre una comision de arreglo, para planear la próxima convención Bienal del Distrito 65. El Comité compuesto de Joe Tillem y Phil Mannheim y un delegado por cada Local, recomendarán una apropiación para la convención, el que será incluido en el presupuesto del 55 al 56, si este es aprobado por el Concilio.

Beneficios de Muerte en la Union Mas Seguro Social

VALIOSO SEGURO EN EL DISTRITO 65

Casi todos los miembros del Distrito 65 están cubiertos, o bien por el Plan de Seguro del 65, o por el plan de Seguro de las Tiendas por Departamentos, si es empleado por una de las Tiendas. Ambos Planes tienen beneficios de muerte. Aunque el computo de los beneficios, en ambos planes es distinto, ambos incluyen grandes sumas de dinero, en beneficios por muerte y para funerales, así como beneficios adicionales por muerte accidental.

Además de los beneficios de la Union, el programa del Seguro Social, el cual cubre a los miembros del 65, también tiene seguros que incluyen sumas de dinero, por muerte, y pagos mensuales para los dependientes. Esta combinación de beneficios, particularmente, la combinación del Plan del Seguro de la Union y el del Seguro Social, proveen una protección igual en valor, a una póliza de Seguro de varios miles de dolares.

Los miembros cubiertos por el Plan de Seguro del 65, tiene beneficios de muerte, que fluctúan desde \$1,000 hasta 7000. La cantidad exacta de beneficios, depende del promedio de salario en los últimos dos años antes de ocurrir la muerte y del tiempo

que tenga de ser miembro. El Plan también provee 1000 pesos adicionales para muerte en caso de accidente.

Los beneficios de funerales y enterramiento son las últimas adiciones que se le hicieron al Plan, de manera que hoy los beneficios, comienzan en la cuna y terminan en la tumba. Sin olvidar que el Plan provee al mismo tiempo los gastos de sepultura, incluyendo la tierra, en cualquier de los cementerios del Plan.

Si los familiares de un miembro, prefieren obtener estos servicios fuera de la Union, entonces el Plan le dará \$280.

Muchos trabajadores, piensa del Seguro Social solamente en terminos de pensión al llegar a los 65 años, pero si olvidan de los beneficios para les dependientes, en caso de muerte. Por ejemplo, si un miembro muere y al ocurrir su muerte, su salario era de 70 pesos semanales, y deja la viuda con dos hijos para los dependientes, en recibirá del gobierno, \$189.10 mensuales hasta que niño mayor cumpla la edad de 18 años, después \$141.80 hasta que el otro, o sea el más joven cumpla los 18 años.

Además ella recibirá la cantidad de 255 pesos, y cuando ésta alcance los 65 años recibirá una pensión

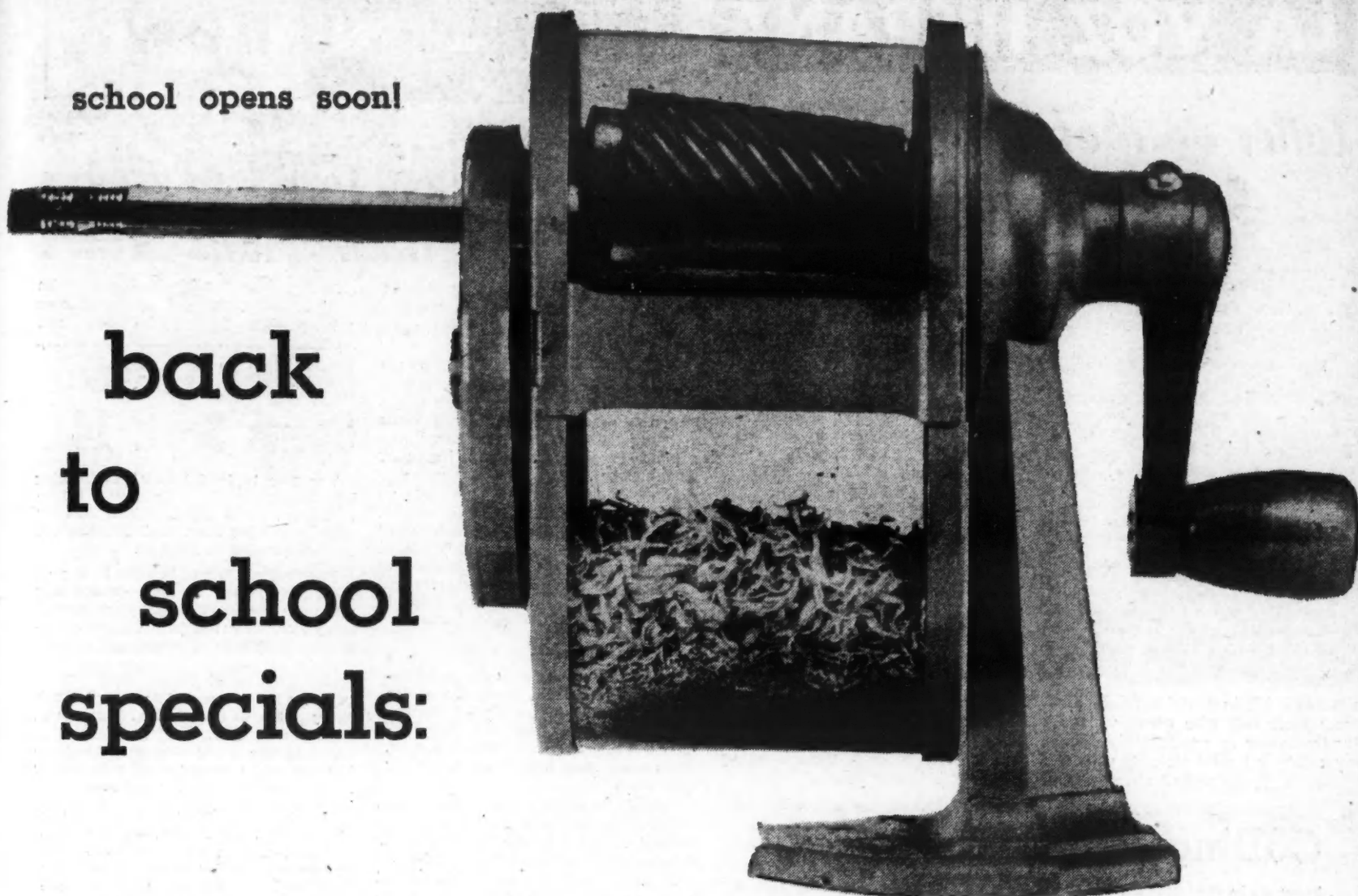
de \$70.90 para el resto de su vida. Mientras aún los beneficios del Seguro Social están muy lejos de ser adecuadas, aún estos modestos beneficios, combinados con los del Plan de La Union, proveen un estimado de 25,000 pesos en beneficios, para el promedio de los miembros. El programa trasado, y que esta adjunto de una información general, con respecto a los beneficios y es presentado para conocimiento de todos los miembros y sus familiares. Los detalles con respecto a estos planes pueden ser obtenidos en pamfletos que están a la disposición de los miembros en las oficinas del Plan, en la Union.

BENEFICIOS DEL PLAN DE SEGURO EN EL 65 TIEMPO QUE TENGA DE SER MIEMBRO

Promedio de Salario Semanal	Menos de 5 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years	35 Years
\$75 or less	\$1000	\$1500	\$2000	\$2500	\$3000	\$3500	\$4000	\$4500
\$75.01 to 100	\$1500	\$2000	\$2500	\$3000	\$3500	\$4000	\$4500	\$5000
\$100.01 to 125	\$2000	\$2500	\$3000	\$3500	\$4000	\$4500	\$5000	\$5500
\$125.01 to 150	\$2500	\$3000	\$3500	\$4000	\$4500	\$5000	\$5500	\$6000
\$150.01 to 175	\$3000	\$3500	\$4000	\$4500	\$5000	\$5500	\$6000	\$6500
\$175.01 and over	\$3500	\$4000	\$4500	\$5000	\$5500	\$6000	\$6500	\$7000

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1.59

2.19

PAPERMATE PENS

(Reg. \$1.69) Assorted color combinations ..

84c

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(Reg. \$2.98) Roy Rogers motif.
Contains 1/2 pt. thermos bottle

1.89

PENCIL BOX

(Reg. 98c) Large, colorful, 3 tier box. Con-
tains pencils, pens, crayons and accessories

65c

PLAID SCHOOL BAG

(Reg. \$1.79) 14"x10" size. Has lunch and
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facing

99c

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(Reg. \$2.19) 14"x10" size. Puritan bottom.
Smooth simulated leather, Ginger, red, green

1.45

16" SECRETARIAL BAG

(Reg. \$3.29) Smooth simulated leather,
3 sided zipper, Ginger color

2.19

SOCKS—SUPER SALE

GIRLS'-LADIES' NYLON STRETCH SOX

(Reg. 69c)

39c

BOYS' FANCY NYLON STRETCH SOX

(Reg. 69c)

39c

BOYS' ARGYLES, COTTON SOX

(Reg. 39c)4 pair

97c

MEN'S FANCY'S COTTON SOX

(Reg. 55c)3 pair

97c

MEN'S ASSORTED NYLON STRETCH

SOX (Reg. 79c)3 pair

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DISTRICT 65 CONSUMER SERVICE
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RECREATION news



Record photo by Bob Franklin

RUNNERS UP in District 65 Softball Championship are these James Gray Direct Mail lads who made valiant fight to cop top honors from Grand City Container in championship series just concluded. Throughout season, they combined solid fielding with well-timed clutch hitting, though losing to defending champs. Oh well, wait 'till next year!

Calling All Gal Bowlers!

Plans are in the works for the formation of a '65 Women's Bowling League to get under way in October. Entries are now available to those interested in forming shop and local teams. All that is required for a team is six or seven gals to bowl one night a week.

Arrangements will be made to secure conveniently located bowling alleys at lowest possible cost. Trophies and other valuable prizes will be presented to the winners at the end of the season. For further details, contact Sports Dir. John O'Neill on the 7th floor at 13 Astor Pl., or call OR 3-5120.

CLASSIFIED ads

Things to Sell, Buy, Swap

Things for Sale

OUT-BOARD. 1954 Thompson with 25 h.p. motor. Electric starters. Fully equipped, many extras. A-1 condition. Sacrifice NY 6-2047.

BEDROOM SET. Very good condition. Six pieces, bed, double dresser, chiffrone, vanity and chair. EV 6-9340.

OLDSMOBILE. 1950 B & H 98. Fully equipped. Excellent condition. Call any nite between Wed. and Friday. HY 6-8885 or HY 6-8244.

CARPETING. Living room, bedroom, foyer and stairs; gray velvet, carpeting. Sacrifice \$395. Foam rubber underpad included. HOllis 8-1064.

RADIO-PHONO. Emerson 3-speed radio-phonograph table model, \$35. Also Emerson 7" television set, \$15. Both appliances AC or DC. Call Dobish BA 7-5255.

STORELINE CARRIAGE. Navy and Gray with mattress, \$15. Play pen & pad \$5. Also 6 lb. Monitor washing machine \$20. All like new. LU 8-7155, between 6 and 7 p.m.

FORD V-8. 1950 model with radio and heater. Good condition, reas. HY 8-4701 or PR 8-9087.

22 RIFLE. almost new, with case, cleaning kit and 100 rounds of ammunition. \$85 value for \$60. HY 6-8885, betw. 7-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday.

SHOES. A brand new pair of Balaxoid Nunn-Bush shoes for sale. Size 10 double A, perfectly new. Cost \$19.50, will sell for \$10. WA 7-3062.

CRIB with innerspring mattress. Also aluminum sterilizer like new. No reasonable offer refused. Call OE 4-8844.

HEARING AID. Belltone with all parts. Practically new, in excellent condition. Reasonable. OE 4-3534.

FUR SCARF. with four natural ranch mink skins. Worn twice, cost \$150, will sell for \$70. EX 3-8230 after 6 p.m.

Wanted

ELECTRIC TRAINS American Flyer or Lionel trains wanted. Also 2 tennis rackets. Reasonably priced. Call CL 1-5100.

Services

TRAVEL AGENT. Vacation now, pay later on easy monthly payments. Air, hotel, cruises, car rentals, etc. Marty Ring, MU 2-7018.

WINDOWS. Aluminum combination triple channel storm, screen windows available to Union members at special rates. N.Y. IV 6-4262, N.J. Dumont 5-2064.

INSTRUCTION. Violin lessons given. Instruments supplied free. 50 years experience. Retired 65er. Call CY 8-5612, after 6 p.m.

HEBREW New Year cards. Boxed assortments, 24 cards for \$1. Imprinting available also. Samples, D.D.P. 21-41 34 Avenue, Long Island City. Apt. 4A.

INSURANCE All forms written. Auto, fire, floaters, business, personal and life insurance. Inquiries invited. No obligation. Richard Fox. RE 9-1661.

UPHOLSTERY REPAIRS. Chair bottoms repaired, \$5. Sofa, \$10. Also platforms and reupholstering. Dinette chairs recovered. Manhattan and Bronx. UN 3-3429.

VACATION at Martha's Vineyard. Attractive sunny and airy lovely view rooms by day or week. Inter-racial. Call Grace or Irvin Brown. WA 6-5837. Vineyard Haven 109 W. Box 907.

TV & REFRIGERATOR REPAIR. All makes. Special rates to union members. Bronx, Manhattan & Queens serviced. RA 6-1144 or YE 2-7835, 6-8 p.m.

INSURANCE, complete service. Auto, fire, life, casualty and all floaters. Any car, driver written. Premiums financed. Irving Freeman. UL 3-8720.

Blistering Weather or No—'65' Basketball Plans Start

With the hot summer we've been having it seems kinda early to be making plans for next season's basketball tourney, but old '65' hoopters know that to have a successful season a lot of kinks have to be ironed out during August and September.

League play is expected to open during the second week in November, and it takes about six weeks for players to get back into physical shape. Arrangements can now be made to bring teams into a few local gyms for workouts beginning in September.

As always, the teams will be made up on a Local basis, with players coming from different shops in each Local of District 65. League games will be played in Stuyvesant High School, 15th St. & First Ave. in Manhattan. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in the tourney as well as several other individual awards.

The famed '65' Varsity will be made up of regular players in the '65' Basketball League. It is expected that the 65ers will play in the Center Recreation League again this year. The Varsity will be a fairly new team this year, with many more players trying out for the team.

The Varsity will also have a new coach, Tony D'Amico of Sun Radio, a veteran Varsity player and manager of many successful '65' Local teams in the past.

A meeting of all past Captains and managers will be held right after the Labor Day weekend. Now is the time to start looking around your shop for some hoop talent. With a small nucleus of players from your shop, you can branch out and round up the rest of the team from other shops in your Local.

If you need more information regarding practice space, fees, rules, etc., call Sports Director John O'Neill in the '65' Recreation Dept. (OR 3-5120). The final standings show that the squads which start early usually wind up on top.

Bowling League Opens Sept. 14

The new 1955-'56 District 65 Bowling League is scheduled to open on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at the City Hall Bowling Alleys, 23 Park Row, and continue for 30 weeks, ending on April 28.

The first meeting of bowling team representatives, Aug. 10 made preliminary plans for League rules, prize money and entry fees. The vital jobs of League Secretary and League Treasurer will be handled by Al Altshuler of Shoe Local and Andy Candres of Direct Mail. Total prize money is expected to exceed \$1000. Every team and individual player will have a chance for the big money. The entire League is operated on a handicap basis so that a team having a fairly low average can still cop the top money.

Final chance for teams to enter is Wednesday, Aug. 24th, at the next meeting of team representatives. More teams are needed to round out the schedule, and individual bowlers are needed to build up existing teams.

For the first time, a '65' Varsity Bowling Team will be fielded in the Center Recreation League, where our basketball and softball teams have been playing. The team will be captained by Johnny Salerno of Ever Ready Label who won this honor by becoming the top bowler in League play last season. John will now pick six men from the top ten bowlers and roll into competition carrying the Big Green banner on the bowling lanes.

'65' Varsity Sees 2nd Place Wind-up in Softball Tourney

The District 65 Varsity's big game of the year played Aug. 15 against the Lazare Co., found '65' trailing by a 5 to 3 score after four innings of play. This meeting between the two teams was called on account of darkness. It will continue within the next week—and '65' has a rough job ahead, with Kaplan's two-run lead.

The next big game for the 65ers will be against RCA Radiomarine on Thursday, Aug. 25. The game will be played

at Diamond 1, 86th St. in Central Park.

From the looks of things, the '65' Varsity will have to settle for a respectable second place spot unless Kaplan and RCA fold up pretty badly in the final week. The 65ers cannot make the top spot unless both teams acquire two defeats.

Al Adams, '65' hurler, pitched well against Kaplan except for two walks and two home runs given up. Charley Ferriera led the '65' hitting attack with two booming doubles to account for all the Big Green runs. Harry Jackson, in addition to a spectacular defensive performance on first base, also banged out two hits.

Playoffs for the Center League Championship will begin on Aug. 29, when the top four teams in the league will play single elimination games for the title.

CENTER SOFTBALL LEAGUE Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Lazare Kaplan	8	0
RCA Radiomarine	7	1
District 65	6	2
Gibbs & Cox	4	5
General Electric	5	6
Rockefeller Center	3	7
Associated Press	3	7
H.C. Anderson	1	9

Classes Invite 65ers Dramatics; Speech

The '65' Recreation Department's classes in Dramatics and Speech have proven a great success to the members of the Union now participating, Recreation Dir. Sol Molofsky said. Instructor Hope Hern has been conducting classes to enable 65ers to project their voices properly, control their breathing and speak with proper diction.

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the '65' Center. Members are invited to attend whether they are interested in dramatics or not. "The knowledge gained in these classes will be invaluable in speaking, and in many instances even improve the personality of the student," Molofsky observed.

Hope Hern, the instructor, has long experience in this field and is especially qualified to teach the course. Members interested in further information should contact the Recreation Dept. at 13 Astor Place, or call OR 3-5120.

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feature Section



CIO Leader Sees 'Accomplishments, Disappointments'

report on congress

By **WALTER P. REUTHER**
President, Congress of Industrial Organizations

FINAL APPRAISAL of the 84th Congress will be possible only a year from now. The record to date has been a combination of accomplishments and disappointments. **If the final record is to be one of constructive, forward-looking legislation, the second session will have to be far more productive of public-interest legislation than the one just ended.**

The 84th Congress, to its credit, did not engage in the "cold war" with the executive branch of government which Pres. Eisenhower had predicted during the 1954 election campaign. **Instead, it attempted to enact sound legislation despite the absence of leadership from the White House and obstacles created by Administration forces.** In fact, the Congress was forced to spend much of its time overcoming these obstacles and defeating unsound special-interest legislative proposals put forward by the Administration. **As a result, the passage of needed liberal legislation was made all the more difficult.**



WALTER REUTHER

An Administration which claims to be "liberal" in matters affecting people, resisted bitterly Democratic proposals for tax credits for all, for improved social security, and for a minimum wage higher than 90c. Despite tremendous White House pressure, one of these Democratic proposals passed both Houses of Congress, and the other two were passed by the House. Housing legislation was enacted despite Administration resistance to anything but the inadequate Eisenhower proposals.

The Eisenhower Administration showed itself to be "liberal" for the special interests, but unwilling to be liberal for the average citizens of America. The Eisenhower program was a special interest program distributing its primary favors to the bankers and big corporations. Failure to enact needed highway and school construction legislation is clearly due to the Administration's greater concern for bankers' profits than for our needs of roads and schools. The Democratic members of Congress deserve praise for their resistance to the Eisenhower proposals in these and related areas.

The CIO is heartened by evidence of a growing unity among liberals of both parties, and from all sections of the country, resulting from the popular outrage at attempts of big business to formulate the nation's economic and social policies. We look for action during the second session to further weld this bipartisan liberal coalition. We call upon it to take the leadership in the accomplishment of the many tasks that face the Congress.

There are four spheres of legislative activity which have brought heartening results:

1. The minimum wage was raised to \$1 an hour and an improved social security bill was passed by the House. The increase to \$1 in the minimum wage, over the President's repeated objections, was a partial recognition of economic reality. It is unfortunate, however, that the coverage of the Wage-Hour Law was not extended to workers now unprotected. The improvements in the social security law have been long needed and it is to be hoped that the Senate will act promptly on the measure in the next session.
2. Bi-partisan support for the essential elements of a constructive foreign policy has been restored. The action of Sen. George (D.-Ga.) in taking the initiative for the Geneva four-power meeting has been an essential factor in the search for world peace.
3. The Administration's huge give-away program, symbolized by the infamous Dixon-Yates deal and the bankers' highway program, has been substantially slowed down.
4. The evils of McCarthyism, which threatened to poison the American democratic process, have been eliminated as a serious threat to our free institutions.

But this record of accomplishment has been offset by some major acts of omission or commission:

1. The civil rights record of the Congress is totally blank.
2. A first step has been taken to add \$800 million to the bills of urban consumers of natural gas.
3. No school construction program was enacted, despite the desperate and growing need of the nation's children for school rooms and for well-paid and well-trained teachers.
4. The tax load on low- and middle-income families has not been eased, and they still carry an unfair proportion of the nation's tax load.
5. The infamous Taft-Hartley Act has remained unchanged; and no step has been taken, through amending the Taft-Hartley Act, to halt the drive by reactionary employers for anti-union laws in the various states.

In the 1954 elections, the American people spoke out against favors for the special interests, against a program that turned its back on the people's needs.

They spoke out for better social security, a fair tax program, improved unemployment insurance, help for the small businessman, a sound economic policy, strengthened civil liberties and a fair civil rights program and a concern for the general human welfare.

It is to be hoped that the 84th Congress, during its second session, will heed the people's voice and enact a program responsive to the public good. *In doing so, it will move forward to the attainment of those objectives which the 1954 election mandate established.*

letters to the editor:

Hails 'Summit' Article

To the editor: As a member of the RWDSU, I have enjoyed the steady progress of The Record since its birth about a year ago, and believe that it now ranks among the finest trade union papers.

Among the features which, in my opinion, have lifted it to this high peak have been the interviews with celebrities, the human interest stories, and the many articles which have attempted to show that we in the RWDSU are much like other Americans in our desire to lead peaceful, secure and useful lives.

In this last-named group is Max Steinbock's recent "Memo to the Summit," in which he calmly and clearly gave us the facts that prove there is no alternative to peace, and called on the leaders of the four big powers to approach the differences that divide the world with the sincere purpose of solving them peacefully and fairly.

The attitudes, progress and hopeful beginnings made at Geneva proved the timeliness and correctness of our newspaper in making this appeal to reason.

For one, I hope that The Record will continue to carry such articles in the future, and I urge others to help our paper improve still further by sending in their opinions via letters to the editor or any other means available to them.

SAM "JERRY" KATZ
New York City

On Unionizing Baseball

To the editor: Your article on organized baseball being organized (Aug. 7 issue) was interesting and informative to be sure, but I believe it conveyed the wrong impression to the readers regarding the position of the owners on the so-called union.

While it is true that there was owner opposition to the American Baseball Guild, headed by Robert Murphy, so was there player opposition. Ballplayers were not quick to join, and the backdown by the Pirates on their proposed strike indicated that there were some more level-headed members of teams looking for more than the scanty representation afforded by the Guild. It was my impression that Murphy was more of a crank than a real representative of the ballplayers.

However, what you failed to mention about the owners was that, after the proposed strike, it was not the players who fought and won the right to negotiate with the owners, but the owners who offered the players this privilege. It may be accurate to say that the owners were not entirely in favor of the union idea in baseball, nevertheless, it was they who opened the door to negotiations. Now both the players and the

owners are benefitting from the wising-up process; playing conditions are improved a great deal, and the owners are facing more satisfied ballplayers.

One more point which you failed to mention in your article was the fear that the owners had of a union forcing the question of the Reserve Clause. Some have termed this feature of our national sport—by which a player, once he signs with a team cannot bargain with any other unless released from his contractual obligations—as slavery, or tantamount to it. I don't think a lengthy explanation of the advantages of this clause is necessary. One can readily see that bargaining for higher wage and a better deal with one team, after a player has signed with another, would cripple those teams with less money to spend on better ballplayers.

Certainly the advantages of a union in baseball overshadow any disadvantages which an anti-unionist may offer. However, I do feel that, while the owners may not have suspected the results of their move to negotiate, they do deserve some credit for giving the players a voice.

ALBERT JOHNSON
Chicago, Ill.

(The Record article did point out that the American Baseball Guild and Murphy were able to organize only a portion of the players. Also, it is our belief that the owners are given too much credit, that they were forced to make concessions to the players, rather than "offering" representation rights. However, many of the points in Brother Johnson's letters are well taken.—EDITOR)

Carnegie Hall Defended

To the editor: This may not be directly concerned with union business but I am certain that it will be of interest to many of our members. I am referring to the danger of the closing of Carnegie Hall. It is expected that a commercial hotel will be erected on this site.

Now ordinarily we could say "what of it"—another auditorium can be built elsewhere. But Carnegie Hall is different! The acoustics are unique, and building another hall could not guarantee aural reception comparable to that of Carnegie Hall.

I am sure that a great many members of the RWDSU have had the privilege of attending concerts at Carnegie Hall and feel as I do about the demolition of this vital part of our cultural heritage. We should not permit this to happen.

Let us, as an influential body join the Campaign to Save Carnegie Hall. We can help by sending contributions to the Campaign Committee organized for this purpose. This gesture would be an idealistic one and would lend prestige to our organization because of its identity with cultural values.

MICHAEL KONOPOL
New York City

AMERICAN KNOW-HOW!!

By Robert Mende

Here's a little bow
To American know-how;
That gave us:

Instant coffee in a cup
And a girdle that won't ride up;
And subway trains and jets
And filtered cigarettes;
And tissues for the nose
And S-T-R-E-T-C-H nylon hose;
And pop-up toasters
And revolving roasters;
And shifting with no gears
And a brassiere where more appears;
And the bottomless pajama
And the thrill of Cinerama;
And a refrigerator with a freezer

And a wheel of frozen pizza;
And each T.V. set a beaut
And an orlon, dacron suit;
And zipper flies, hair dyes,
And DDT and no flies,
And clip-on bow ties;

And elevator shoes
And detergents in all hues;
And buildings like the Empire State
And bridges like the Golden Gate.

Our know-how excites
And invites
A question that makes
Our hearts throb:
When will our know-how invent
A steady job?

MOVIES

in
review

THE DIVIDED HEART—★★★★

A tragic and provoking problem is currently being presented to moviegoers in the latest English release, "The Divided Heart." It is the dual claim of a "blood mother" and a "bread mother" to a young child.

Unlike most stories of this sort which tend to become overly sentimental on the screen, "The Divided Heart" is a tender and powerful movie which dramatically personalizes the files of the International Refugee Organization.



The film treats of a young boy adopted by a German couple during the war, whose real mother, a repatriated Yugoslavian, turns up to claim him. The case, one of many of this type, is brought before the United States High Commission Court for Germany where both mothers relate the struggle and hardship they endured with the child during and after the war. After the boy's real mother is permitted a short visit with him, both families return to the courtroom to hear the decision of the three presiding justices.

If it is difficult for justices to render "fair" verdicts in such cases, it is also difficult for a film company to present a story such as this in the honest and sympathetic fashion it does. Equal weight is given to the claims of both mothers, and the verdict of the judges, while disappointing to some, no doubt, is a satisfactory ending to the film, in my opinion.

The performances, by relative unknowns to American audiences, were superlative. Both women, Cornelia Borchers, the "bread mother," and Yvonne Mitchell, the "blood mother," played their parts with the emotional attitudes of people actually facing such a situation. Armin Dahlen, as the foster father, and Michael Ray and Martin Keller, who portrayed the boy at different stages in his life, lent excellent support to the film.

—MAXINE SALAMON

TO CATCH A THIEF—★★

"To Catch a Thief" would appear to have everything a moviegoer wants—with personable Cary Grant, beautiful Grace Kelly, direction by the master, Alfred Hitchcock, and Technicolor-Vista-Vision treatment of the Riviera. But the movie fails to jell, and we fear that Hitchcock is the culprit.

The cameras scan the glamorous Riviera resorts with breathtaking results, picking up Cary Grant as the American and former jewel thief, known as "The Cat" but now going straight. A series of jewel robberies in the manner of The Cat are very embarrassing to Cary, since his friends—and the cops—think he's back at his old profession. Cary thereupon decides that the only way to stop this outrage is by catching the actual thief.



In the course of his search Cary comes upon Grace Kelly, playing a wealthy American gal, herself on a search—for an interesting husband. Making adroit use of the occasion to parade in a succession of gorgeous outfits, Grace goes after Cary, and later the two searches merge as she helps him To Catch a Thief.

All of this might add up to a tempting dish, were it not for the fact that Chef Hitchcock lacks his usual deft touch, omitting the usual main ingredients of a Hitchcock thriller. In short, there just aren't any thrills in "To Catch a Thief." The movie is slow-moving, suspenseful moments are rare, and save for the handsome views of the Riviera, fair acting, and some of the cute double-entendres which escaped the Johnston Office ("Do you want a breast or a leg?" Grace asks Cary, and after a pause gives him a piece of fried chicken), the picture is only so-so.

—BERNARD STEPHENS

'RECORD' MOVIE RATINGS

★★★★	★★★	★★
Mister Roberts	The Shrike	To Catch a Thief
The Divided Heart	We're No Angels	The Virgin Queen
Hiroshima (Jap.)	The Sea Chase	Strategic Air
Not As A Stranger	Marty	Command
Doctor in the House	Stranger on Horseback	The Far Horizons
Gate of Hell (Jap.)	Prince of Players	Ulysses
Cinerama Holiday	Summertime	★
	The Man Who Loved Red Heads	Land of the Pharaohs
		House of Bamboo

Picture working for a firm whose board of directors consists of CIO union leaders and whose stockholders are mostly rank and filers of 32 different AFL and CIO unions.

This picture is a living fact for the members of RWDSU Local 1801, who work at the Akron Co-op supermarket in the nation's rubber city, Akron, Ohio. The co-op, a growing enterprise which now averages a sales volume of \$3 million a year, is the largest labor-backed co-operative in the country. And in the forefront of its swift strides to success are the 50 members of '1801' who work there, led by Pres. Grace Ringwalt.



Grace Ringwalt

Organized about three years ago when the co-op was opened, '1801' was at first a local industrial union with direct affiliation to national CIO. In November of 1953 they received their charter from the RWDSU.

Grace has headed the local since its organization, and with the help of other local officers and Ohio RWDSU leaders Jerry Hughes and Gene Ingles, the local has done itself proud in helping to advance the interests of the co-op.

Top Wages in Akron

The advance of the Local 1801 members' own interests is, as might be expected, conditioned by the kind of employer they have. It's not surprising, therefore, that the Akron Co-op supermarket workers enjoy the best wages for their industry in the Akron area, as well as outstanding seniority and other provisions of their working agreement with the co-op.

Regional Dir. Hughes described the attitude of the workers towards the co-op management as pretty much the same as any group of workers under good conditions—with one big "but." This is the strong feeling of security on the job which comes with the knowledge that, if things get tough, they have in this labor-sponsored co-op, "employers" who know from their



↑ Labor-backed co-op in Akron, O. provides free parking and host of other services to union members as well as best value for members' dollars.



← Young couple, two of 7,000 Akron Co-op stockholders, shops smart fruit and vegetable counter in block-long co-op supermarket.

The Co-op Store That Labor Built

own experience as workers and union leaders the problems of working for a living.

Of course there are problems on the job, but here, too, the relationship which exists between fellow unionists is the background against which problems are discussed and which makes for quick solution.

The co-op itself is a completely labor-owned institution, whose stock is owned mainly by rank and file members of the CIO Rubber Workers.

The Akron Co-op supermarket, recently supplemented by a second store, is managed by A. J. Choat, a man of sound experience in co-op wholesale and retail operations. He has sparked a number of promotion stunts which have substantially increased interest in the store. And he is of the firm opinion that the store needs to offer top service and values to co-op members in order to continue to be an efficient operation.

Co-op Lowers Food Costs

Top value for the member's dollar is of course number one, and the co-op has set such a pace that food prices throughout the Akron area have come down. In addition, the store provides free parking space and even a "Kiddie Korner," where mothers may deposit their children safely while shopping. The best evidence of the store's success is that some 7,000 Akronites come to shop and save every week, and that the operation has continued in the black since its opening day.

Plans are to open additional stores and a warehouse, as well as an eye care center which would provide eye examinations and glasses at low cost.

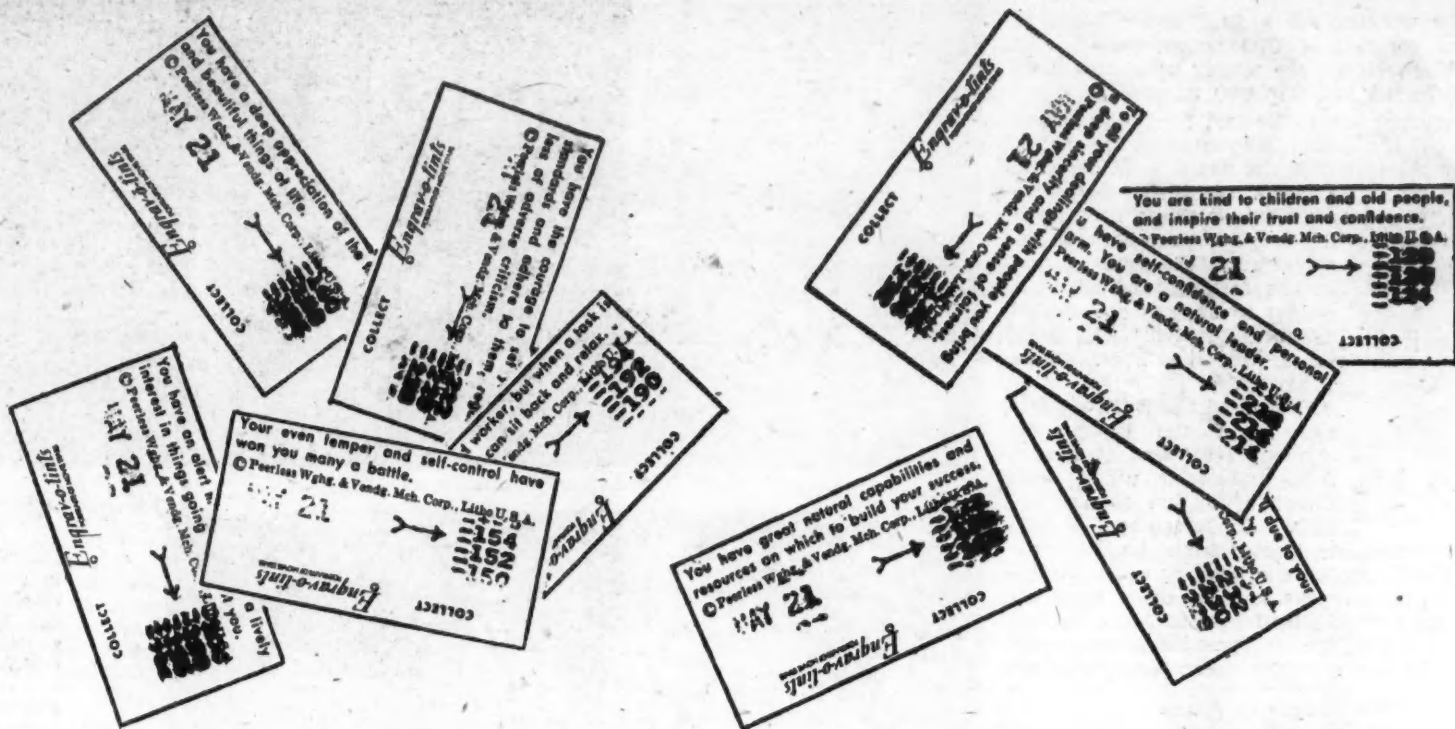
Like the co-op, Local 1801 is also looking to grow, and a campaign is now well under way to organize another retail store in town. A number of the employees have signed up, and progress has been good, it was reported. In addition to this target, the Local 1801 members also have their eyes on several other retail establishments in Akron and vicinity, and the '1801' members are eager to tackle them as soon as they land the shop now under organization.



↑ CIO Pres. Walter Reuther, r., casts approving eye over scale model of supermarket, gets tips on unusual features from store manager A.J. Choat.



← It's easy to see what attracts these hundreds of union shoppers to their co-op market. Note prices—69¢ lb. for steak, 79¢ for roasting beef, other top values.



How to Lose Weight... and Stay Healthy

By Doctors of the District 65 Security Plan

Almost every month a new diet scheme for reducing is headlined in newspapers or magazines. Overweight (obesity) is so common, and there is such wide appeal for easy ways to reduce, that the commercial press finds it profitable to build circulation with special diet fads.

There is the Hollywood diet, the Atomic diet, the Dupont diet and, according to the magazines promoting them, the McCall diet, the Look diet, and the Good Housekeeping diet. Every columnist and food editor has his sure-fire diet scheme for reducing. And finally, we have the whole-wheat and black molasses boys screaming their wares and diet salvation over the radio and on the lecture platforms.

There are inexpensive diets, and there are expensive diets and programs which require attending a "slenderizing salon" where customers are persuaded that extra fat can be rubbed, vibrated or massaged away. All these diet schemes are tributes not only to the American ideal of slimness, but also to the general recognition that being overweight is unhealthy. The fact that new diet formulas are proposed so frequently also means that previous attempts at weight reduction by diet alone are generally unsuccessful. As a matter of fact, doctors know that one of the most difficult problems in medical practice is to get a person who is overweight to lose weight and then to stay slim.

Almost any diet scheme, if followed rigorously, will result in loss of weight. But most schemes fail to help the person with a tendency to obesity to remain at his or her normal weight—not for 1 month or even 1 year, but for the rest of the life span.

Overweight or obesity is like a chronic disease. It requires constant vigilance to prevent it getting out of hand. There is no easy way or short-cut to weight reduction. In practically all cases of overweight the fault is not caused by thyroid or any other glandular trouble. Nor can obesity be attributed to heredity. Obesity arises out of simple arithmetic—if more calories are taken in (with the food) than are used up by the body, the excess of calories is stored up as fat.

The next question that occurs is why does a person eat more than he actually needs? Ordinarily, appetite serves as an automatic mechanism for regulating the intake of food to meet the energy and other needs of the body. This regulating mechanism may, however, be upset in various ways and in varying degrees. Bad eating habits, for example, may be responsible for overeating; the tradition of preparing heavy meals is unquestionably responsible for overeating in some families. In such instances, the overweight is seldom excessive, and weight can be lost if the amount of fatty and starchy foods in the diet is reduced.

The housewife can help by eliminating rich desserts in favor of fruit; preparing uncreamed vegetables instead of potatoes; and substituting lean meats for fatty meats. She can also put out of sight such calorie-rich foods as candies, nuts, butter, cream and cocktail snacks.

But obesity would not be the health problem it is if it came always from occasional innocent lapses in eating habits, or from careless food preparation at home. It is a health problem because so often the causes are more complicated and deep-seated, involving personality and emotions, as well as environmental factors.

Obesity almost never occurs spontaneously in animals living in a normal setting and performing normal activities. Obesity, in fact, seems peculiarly a disease of the human animal. And the reason seems to be that society contains tensions and strains to which some individuals react by overeating.

Overweight may be a carry-over from childhood psychological difficulties. Or it may start in early adult life. There are many psychological and social factors responsible for the development of overweight. As we leave the relatively sheltered life of our homes and schools, as we marry, raise families and assume the responsibilities of adult life, we are exposed to many new stresses and strains, and we react or adjust to them in various ways.

For some persons the strains are strong enough to break down the emotional security that had been adequate up to then, and the result is a "nervous break-

down". In others, the social tensions result in addiction to alcohol. In still others, the tension of life expresses itself in such "psychosomatic" disorders as colitis, peptic ulcers, certain types of asthma, chronic exzema, etc.

And for still others the difficulties of life are met by indulgence, or over-indulgence, in food. Social and personal problems are "solved", or compensated for, by recourse to eating, or "addiction" to food. In other words, the obese person turns to food—to too frequent or too heavy eating—as a means of relieving pent-up emotions, or of adjusting himself to personal or community problems.

Although overweight has psychological and social causes, however, much can be done to correct it by simple measures—particularly by sensible dieting.

Exercise alone cannot produce weight loss. Exercise simply increases appetite. Sweating can cause the loss of several pounds. But it is not fat that is lost—only water and salt. Drinking and eating during the next meals restores the salt and water that was lost.

It is impossible to lose weight without some sacrifices of the pleasures of eating. The basic formula for success in reducing requires that the intake of calories must be less than the output. The use of one type of diet in preference to another depends upon the taste, personality and financial resources of the individual. (The so-called Dupont diet, which consists chiefly of meat products, has been reported to be successful in producing weight loss in Dupont executives—who can afford to eat lean steaks and chops three times a day.)

The first simple step in dieting is to reduce the sugar intake, and to get a sweet taste in foods with "saccharine" or "sucrol." It is also easy to limit the use of foods high in starch content, such as bakery products, cereals, potatoes and corn. So-called "dietary" foods are of no help. "Protein" breads yield almost as many calories as ordinary bread; "health" cereals are just about as calorie as regular ones.

Fat yields almost twice as many calories as carbohydrate or protein. But cutting out fat is more difficult than restricting starches and sugars, since fat gives zest to foods. The following suggestions may be helpful in limiting fats in the diet.

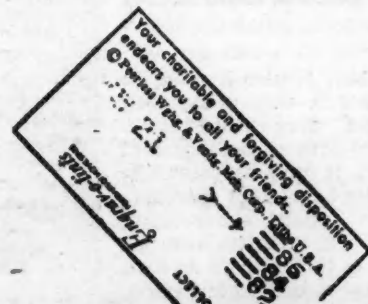
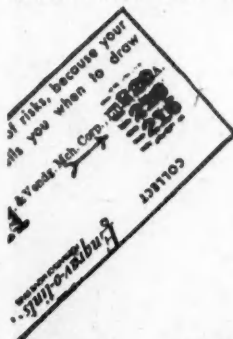
- Skim milk or buttermilk has half the caloric value of whole milk . . . Lean cuts of fish, beef, veal, lamb, and fowl should be prepared by broiling, roasting or boiling . . . Uncreamed cottage cheese is the only cheese suitable for use in a reducing diet . . . Eggs are useful but should be boiled or poached only.

- Vegetables and fruits may be served in liberal quantities, except for those high in sugar or starch, such as corn, potatoes, grape juice, figs and prune juice . . . Bread and cereals are concentrated foods, and should be used sparingly—not more than two slices a day . . . Alcoholic drinks are high in calories and should be drastically reduced or eliminated in a weight-reducing diet.

- The use of a food high in protein at each meal, such as an egg for breakfast, and meat, fish or cottage cheese at luncheon and dinner, will help prevent hunger pains . . . A glass of buttermilk may be taken between meals, and at bedtime.

- Drugs such as dexedrine or benzedrine are sometimes used by doctors to help patients get started with weight reducing. Preparations such as "Junex" contain methyl cellulose and vitamins. The cellulose is supposed to swell up in the stomach and prevent hunger feelings. Neither methyl cellulose nor vitamins have been proven to be necessary or useful in losing weight.

If you are unsuccessful in getting slimmer on the suggestions made above, consult a physician and let him help you. His authority encourages the discipline and morale so essential for successful weight loss.





Jim Sheridan puts in five hours a day as a stockman at Stern's Dept. Store, between runs as assistant conductor on N. Y. Central R.R. He's worked ten years at Stern's, forty years on the railroad, and holds two union cards: Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and District 65, EWDSU.



Devola Laramae is a concert singer when she isn't exercising her vocal cords at District 65's switchboard. She's been on the union's staff since 1940, has two grown children who are also 65ers. She's been singing professionally for many years, has devoted herself to the concert field since 1940, and is a soloist with main choir at St. Martin's Church. Right now, she's preparing for her big concert at Carnegie Hall Nov. 13, looks forward to a concert tour abroad.

These Union Members Lead a "Double Life"

The variety of hobbies and interests to be found in any group of people is always surprising. But it's not often that such interests reach the point where they can be termed careers. Here are four members, out of the 30,000 in RWDSU District 65, who lead a kind of double life: one part is their daily work—the jobs they hold in the workaday world; the other is a second occupation that fills their "leisure" hours. They're shown here, in photos taken during those "off-duty" hours, not only because they're interesting people, but also because they demonstrate what a wealth of talent can be found in the ranks of a single union.



Maurice Kish wields a brush on both his job and spare-time avocation. At work, he paints designs and monograms on china and glassware. At home, he works in oil and landscapes, industrial and street scenes. A painter for past 25 years, his work has been displayed in many museums in U. S. and abroad, and has won numerous prizes. Besides his membership in union for past 15 years, during which he has served as a steward, he is a member of many artists' organizations and professional societies.



Almema Armstrong doesn't dress like this during day when she's on her job as clerical worker in '65' Security Plan office. But in her spare time she models for leading dress designers and fur stylists. She won first prize and title of "Miss Afro-American" in beauty contest several years ago, and is a graduate of Barbara Watson Modeling School.



Stewards Outsmart Foremen

Workers who take a dim view of the foreman's mental qualifications will not be surprised to learn the results of a series of factory personnel tests made recently by a management engineering firm. The tests revealed foremen lagging far behind union stewards as a group in "practical judgment" and vocabulary. They also trailed the stewards in mathematics.

The study, made by John A. Patton Management Engineers, Inc., Chicago, has already covered 35 manufacturing companies and will be extended to 200 firms.

John A. Patton, president of the management firm, said the difference in abilities showed up during comprehensive testing and interviews. He explained:

"In every plant where we are called in, our engineers have to train representatives of labor and management to make time studies on various operations so that each side will feel that it has been treated fairly in the final analysis. In order to select the best qualified to help us, we naturally tested men from both groups thoroughly. The results we got were so interesting that we decided to chart them."

With 100 the maximum rating, the tests showed the following: Vocabulary—Stewards 70, Foremen 40; Mathematics—Stewards 60, Foremen 55; Practical judgment—Stewards 70, Foremen 35.



Don't Be a Sucker for Bigotry

The following, reprinted from the CIO Express, put out by CIO Packinghouse Workers Local 167 in St. Paul, Minn., asks, "Are You Intolerant?"

Had we Americans acted towards the Jews as did Hitler, we might never have learned the secret of atomic energy and still be without a vaccine against the dread polio.

Dr. Albert Einstein, who died recently, was a refugee from Hitler's terror against the Jews in his native Germany. He came to the U.S. and gave us his scientific theories which led to the development of atomic energy and the atom bomb.

Dr. Jonas Salk is a Jewish American scientist, whose parents fled Europe and came to this country. Here they worked hard as garment workers and brought up Dr. Salk in the teeming tenements of New York City. He overcame odds to pursue his medical and scientific studies.

The next time you hear somebody make intolerant remarks about Jews, tell him to take a look around at some poor kids now in braces. And tell him it won't be that way for other kids, because of a Jewish scientist's accomplishments.

Don't be a sucker for religious intolerance or bigotry. If you are intolerant of other races and religious faiths, you are hurting yourself, your family and your nation.

WATCH OUT...

for cemetery gyps!

By SIDNEY MARCOLIUS
Consumer Expert for The Record

Right now in approximately 100 U. S. cities there are active cemetery promotions appealing to families and individuals to buy burial space in advance of need. Many of these are unproven "pre-development" promotions. That is, the salesmen are merely selling undeveloped real estate at a high price. If past experience with similar high-pressure cemetery promotions is any guide, some of these tracts now being sold as cemetery lots will never become cemeteries, while others may but at great cost to the local sponsors and purchasers of lots after the traveling promoters move on to another community.

Cemetery promotions currently are especially active in the mid-West. Such large cities as Cleveland have been the scene of active promotions recently, but promoters have also been operating increasingly in smaller towns of 25-30,000 population. So active have they been that 15 states enacted laws in 1953, '54 and '55 requiring that whenever a pre-need service is sold, all the money paid in advance must be placed in trust. Six other states have enacted laws placing all pre-need funeral programs under varying types of jurisdiction.

The basic idea of these laws is to see that the money you pay in advance for a cemetery lot is placed in escrow, so the promoters can't walk off with it. Because that is what has happened in many cases. When a cemetery promotion is staged with a large force of salesmen, it is a fact that much of the money you pay for the lot goes for the salesmen's and sales manager's commissions. The Association of Better Business Bureaus points out that just because prominent local people may be listed as sponsoring the new cemetery is no guarantee of the soundness of the project, since the actual control may still remain in the hands of the promoters. Nor is the fact that the memorial park or cemetery association may be organized as a "non-profit corporation", any guarantee that the promoters are not making substantial and sometimes exorbitant sales commissions or profits.

The Better Business Bureau points out that the first thing many promoters do is to secure options on tracts of low-priced land near a main highway. Then they organize a cemetery association, exercise their option to buy the land and then re-sell it to the new association at many times the price paid.

"Free Chicken" Gimmick Gets Door Open

They then put on a razzle-dazzle sales campaign. One of the sales devices currently used is the "free chicken" door opener. The salesman first phones the family to find out when husband and wife will both be home (it is important to his purpose that the wife be there). He arrives with a free chicken as a gift to the family, which gets him into the house. Once there he plays upon the husband's pride in front of his wife, in providing for his family's needs.

Other appeals often used are offers of a "free" burial vault, or a "special price" or "gift" in exchange for the use of your name for sales or publicity purposes.

The Cleveland Better Business Bureau reports that one promoter has been showing prospective customers an artist's drawing of a beautiful cemetery development. The lots are sold to buyers for \$150, but when you read the contract more closely, you see that this is just for the lot, and the "amphi-crypt" unit, which is what the promoters call the raised grave shown in the artist's drawing, actually costs you \$425.

When you see such prices charged for cemetery lots, you realize that it's much more profitable to promoters to sell vacant real estate for burial lots than for other purposes. Even legitimate, established cemeteries often charge \$125 for an individual burial space (an increase of 66 per cent in the typical \$75 price for a lot in 1941).

In contrast, District 65 of the RWDSU-CIO recently purchased for its members a large tract in an established cemetery. It divided the number of lots into the total price of the ground, and is now providing burial lots for members at a no-profit cost of only \$30 a grave. But if an individual buys a grave in this cemetery where the union has purchased its tract, the price is over \$100.

As people get older, it is often a comfort to know that the problem of burial space has been solved by purchase of a family plot before the need arises. But there are practical points to consider too. One is that you may not be living in the same area at time of death. The other is that the family's money remains in someone else's possession for a number of years. While you are still living you certainly can use the interest on this money as well as the cemetery association. Many people who buy lots sometimes become aware of these practical considerations later, as witness the large number of cemetery lots offered for re-sale by private individuals in the classified ad section of almost any local newspaper.

Advance Check Can Save Anxious Moments

There is a compromise possibility for a family concerned about having burial space in advance of need. That is, to learn in advance what local cemeteries do offer and their prices, so that when a death occurs you will have some information in mind to help relieve the anxieties and problems connected with burials.

But beware the razzle-dazzle promotions designed to sell you six feet of ground at a price often ten times its actual cost to the sales organization. If in doubt about the legitimacy of a cemetery association, phone your local Better Business Bureau or Chamber of Commerce for information about it.

You can get an informative pamphlet called "Facts Every Family Should Know about Funerals and Interments", at no charge from your local Better Business Bureau, or if there is none in your town, by writing to the Association of Better Business Bureaus Inc., 405 Lexington Ave., New 17, N.Y.

Cavil-Cade

By LES FINNEGAN

• IN NEW YORK CITY, from a printer's devil in New Orleans to the most successful stage devil seen on Broadway in decades—that's the story of Ray Walston, who plays the Devil in the new smash-hit musical comedy, "Damn Yankees." Walston revealed he had worked as an apprentice and then as a linotypist in New Orleans and on the Houston Post. All the time his union earnings helped finance his stage training. "I still have my union card," he said. "After all there are many more openings for printer's devils than stage devils these days."

• IN WICHITA, KANSAS, officials of a small local union of road construction workers decided they were sick and tired of having their tiny union office burgled and money stolen. Five times in two years the union's old-fashioned safe had been opened and dues money and even strike donations taken. Neither a stronger lock on the door nor an occasional night-time guard availed anything; union money still disappeared periodically. Finally, in desperation, the union president had an inspired idea. He sent one of his men into an adjoining county to a friendly farmer to pick up a small basketful of poison ivy and poison oak. Then—carefully using heavy construction gloves—the union official rubbed every bit of money in the safe with both the poison ivy and poison oak, and for good measure rubbed the toxic weeds all around the inside of the safe. That same night the safe was robbed again, but for the first time the union officials didn't complain to the police; they just decided to wait for two days or maybe three. On the second day they had their culprit red-handed—in fact, covered with red. The burglar was the foreman of their own road construction gang!

• IN CAPETOWN, South Africa, union leaders reported that recent archeological discoveries near Cape Cross have pulled the rug out from under many established historical notions. For example, most historians declare flatly that mass production first appeared on the scene with the industrial revolution in the 18th century. But in Cape Cross archeologists have uncovered an ancient factory—dating back to the stone age—designed for the mass production of stone implements and weapons. Primitive bosses, perhaps as far back as a half-million years ago, were already moving toward the assembly line idea, the archeologists discovered. Stone axeheads and arrowheads were fashioned in one hut and then moved on to other huts for polishing, handled, shafts, etc.



UNION MAID—Lovely Ava Gardner is just one of the many beautiful Hollywood stars that belong to the Screen Actors Guild.

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Ticklers

By George



"I'm sorry I can't recommend the food—I carry my lunch!"

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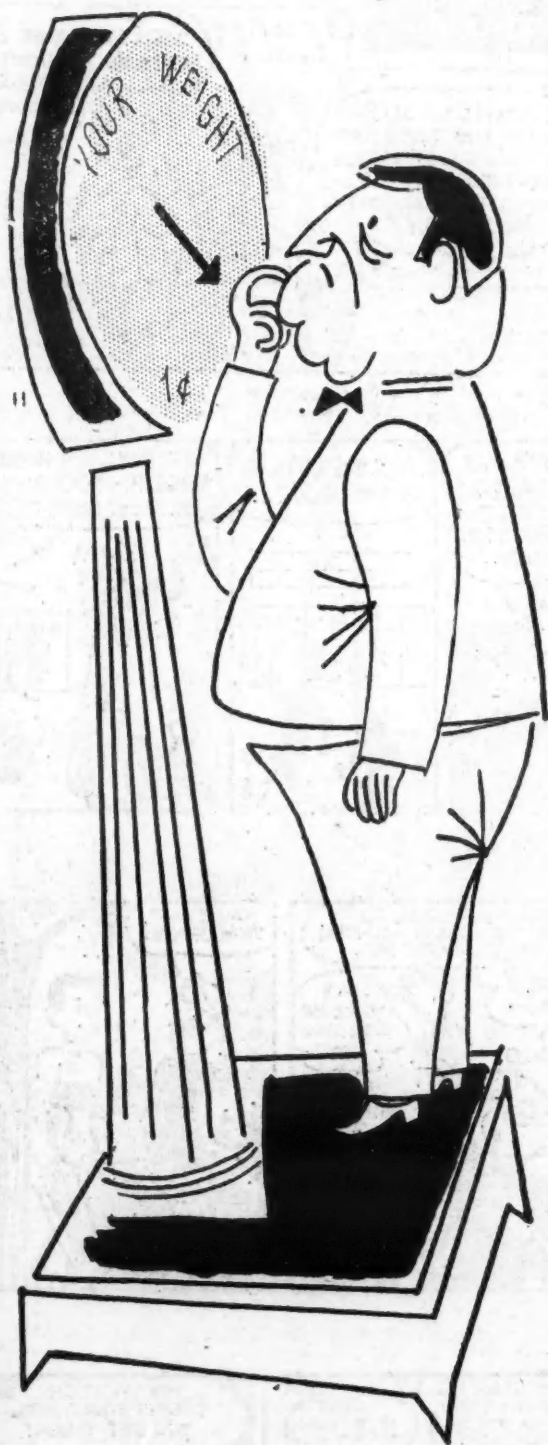
PITY THE POOR SHOP STEWARD WHO HAS TO LISTEN TO HUNDREDS OF GRIEVANCES... BUT CAN'T GET A SINGLE ONE SIGNED!



I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT AND TYPED YOUR GRIEVANCES—SIGN THEM AND THE COMMITTEE WILL START ACTION IMMEDIATELY!



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WINNER

Local 194 member CARRIE LEE AVERY caught this 34-inch, 10½ lb. Great Northern pike in Wisconsin—and won prize of \$10 worth of fishing equipment in The Record's Hidden Weight Fishing Contest. She works at Campbell Soup plant in Chicago.

Sister Avery, like every other RWDSU member, is still eligible to win grand prize of \$50 in fishing equipment. Contest closes with next issue. All entries must be postmarked no later than Aug. 27.

Remember—ANY fish, whether it's large or small, may win the grand prize if it comes closest to to the Hidden Weight in the Lake, Stream or Salt Water categories. Send in your fishing photo now, with your name, address, local number, and details of your catch. Do it now—this is your last chance!